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SOCCER PUBLIC DESERVES NEW DEAL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE time is more than ripe for the Australian Soccer Federation to come up with the answer to the big dilemma that it faces over international matches.

The truth is that more games like that staged against the brilliant Czechoslovakians at Parramatta Stadium will see crowds decreasing further still.

Patrons will vote with their own feet on the question of whether it is worth attending just to pay admission money.

Lack of attention to the entertainment side of Soccer is hamstringing the progress of the game.

Reams have been written which sympathise with Frank Arok in his bid to create a national squad from close to a standing start.

Rightly so to some extent, but the abandonment of at least something akin to the normal playing pattern proved disastrous at Parramatta.

The crux of the matter is that the general public will not attend games unless the elements of excitement and competitiveness are restored.

And the ASF will continue to suffer financially unless they bite the bullet and do something about it.

COMPETITION

Soccer, it should be unnecessary to point out, is in competition with other team sports.

Rarely over the years has rugby league or union staged internationals which could be classed as hopeless as spectacles.

Australian rules so often is a scrambling affair but they still inject action and reap crowds as the reward.

Soccer not only competes against these games for attention.

Cricket and tennis — and for that matter the wives of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean — are also there to entertain us.

ABSENTIES

In Soccer everyone knows that the likes of Jim Patikas, David Mitchell and Oscar Crino are playing overseas.

They may not be back for the Olympic Games campaign due to professional commitments. New players have to be tried and proved.

But must the public be served with hardly acceptable football standards in the meantime.

To be frank, the Parramatta Stadium effort was even hard to transfer into good television fare.

COMPLIMENTARY

Czechoslovakia's manager Rudolf Bata was overkind to Australian performances before he left these shores.

Nice words were said, but were they delivered

in the hope that his team would be invited back later for a further workout.

It is easy to compass the years and point how, to a certain stage, Australian national team Soccer was highly competitive and packed with excitement.

The indecisiveness of the Rudi Gutendorf period was succeeded by a certain caution and then bravery of the Frank Arok era.

But there have been almighty hiccups. It is up to the ASF and its coach to sort out the solutions. The hour is late.

STATE TROUBLES

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE NSW State League first division committee faced an urgent meeting to examine the position of the division for next season.

The entire 1987 season plans were thrown into the melting pot with the decision to retain existing teams, minus the relegated team and plus the promoted side.

Into the position come the relegated NSL clubs, all six or seven or so of them, as the result of a previous decision to take them back.

These clubs would then become the backbone of the new Super League, and will turn the NSW Federation into a really competitive affair.

So there could be enough clubs in the league in 1987 to play all round the year — summer football as well as last?

Good luck to Ken Ferguson and Fred Parker and the rest of the bunch — they will certainly need it.



Sydney Olympic's Vicente Estavillo in a battle of wits with Sydney City's midfield ace Joe Watson.

KOSMINA IN ANGRY MOOD

JOHN KOSMINA, Australia's powerful World Cup captain, struck out in anger during the week at players, officials and some members of the press.

Following Australia's very poor performance in the last Test against touring Czechoslovakia, Kosmina cut loose with some very well-chosen words.

Australia, having been methodically whipped 0-3 by Czechoslovakia at Sydney's super-modern Parramatta Stadium, sparked Kosmina's anger.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"Our home defeat against the Czechs really showed just how good we are and just how much much more we have to learn," he said.

"We are still dreaming about our wonderful efforts achieved last year during the World Cup eliminations.

"Too many of our players thought that we were still fantastic till we were brought crashing back down to earth with this sudden loss."

Kosmina went on to add with typical raw honesty: "The press was often no better. They

too, like the players, were still dreaming how good we were."

Then the lethal World Cup striker, (possibly one of the very best in Australia's Soccer history), followed up by hurling down a vicious, but intelligent bouncer: "In my opinion, the big loss against the Czechs was the best thing that could have ever happened to us. It hopefully has brought us right back down to earth."

"Czechoslovakia showed us just how really professional European countries are."

Kosmina's recently

announced temporary retirement from the Australian team will leave a huge gap to fill for the coming internationals against New Zealand and China later this year.



John Kosmina-World Cup skipper.

The Editor

THE COUNTDOWN to the 14 team National League continues. When it comes there will be hardly a team outside Melbourne and Sydney.

What could occur is some rise in the standard of football.

Regardless of that there is reason to question the ultimate viability of a competition where the cost of travel, accommodation etc is so far out of reasonable relationship with gate receipts and associated income.

General income such as social club grants has helped some clubs to make ends meet.

It remains inevitable that the basic home support crowds drawn by some NSL clubs in NSW will drag well behind those of leading State League clubs.

In some respects therefore there will almost be a Clayton's League element about the 1987 NSL.

Maybe Adelaide City or even Newcastle could make it, but it is unlikely that Brisbane, Canberra, and probably Wollongong will be there.

It seems that all that work in developing most of the main centres of Australian population for Soccer will go down the drain.

An argument is there that there cities have not succeeded. However some of the favoured clubs have had their troughs also.

Promotion and relegation in Australia has been stated to be the lifeblood of the sport.

So often however it has not met the demands of the particular hour. So it has become the norm for adjustments to be made in the meeting rooms and other corridors of power.

It is quite possible to speculate on where Soccer would be now if a stable league or leagues had been put in place years ago.

Other codes have succeeded famously without promotion and relegation and the degree of stability they have achieved has worked in their favour.

Soccer has a greater ethnic influence which has had various favourable side effects.

But by the same token the crowds have largely been divided into very small sectors and the code has been left not competing with the others.

Possibly only the like of Sydney Olympic, Sydney Croatia and South Melbourne meet acceptable crowd criteria.

Had the NSL decided to stay national it could have examined the feasibility of combining two Brisbane clubs into one major unit.

Work could have been done to see if sympathetic licensed clubs of Canberra and Newcastle would have worked together. Wollongong could have been similarly approached as it has a wide community background.

As it stands other solutions to Soccer's problems will have to be devised.

But in the meantime the NSW Soccer Federation seems to have let slip the chance to get back on the rails properly with the "Super League" competition.

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WHEN MIKE GOES TO RIO ...

MIKE WELLS, SA State Coaching Director, has received an invitation to attend the Brazilian Football Academy in Rio de Janeiro in February as a special guest.

BY TOM MCKAIN

He attended the Academy back in 1983 as a participant and after four weeks of intensive study and work return to Australia with top honours from the Academy, and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

The Academy was set up several years ago to teach the gospel of Brazilian football to coaches from Third World countries, and Wells is still the only coach from Australia to have attended.

The Academy is one of the pet loves of FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange, who takes a personal interest in helping the coaching development of developing countries.

Headed by Professor Manoel Neto, the Academy contracts the best available Brazilian coaches to lecture and

coach the visiting participants.

The impressive list includes Zagalo, Tele Santana, Didi Evaristo de Macedo and Carlos Alberto Parreira.

Professor Neto, who sent the invitation to Wells, was a member of a group of coaches who were in charge of the Iraq squad which played in the Mexico World Cup.

Since his return from Brazil Wells has maintained regular contact with Neto, and was made an honorary adviser to the Academy.

This post included the proof-reading of major works of leading Brazilian coaches which have been translated into English and have been collated for a series of books being produced in London.

Wells was asked to stay on in Rio to help set

up a local coaching accreditation scheme for members of the local coaches association.

However, he had to turn this down as he was scheduled to prepare a coaching and lecturing tour of Africa for the Federal Government.

However, he says he would be delighted to return to Rio next year.

"Unfortunately February is a long way off, and there are a number of local matters to take care of and any time away would have to be with the SA Soccer Federation's approval," he said.

In his letter to Wells,

INVITATION TO WELLS

Professor Neto made some interesting comments about the game in Brazil when discussing formations.

He said the coaches were experimenting with systems, and "forgetting" the 4-4-2 or 4-3-3 format.

"We are moving to the 3-5-2 or the 3-1-3-3, or 3-3-1-3 or 3-3-3-1, but as yet no-one has decided on a firm formation," he said.

Basically, he pointed out that Brazil looked at a 3-5-2 line-up because of a midfield with Zico and Socrates, two veterans supported by three young players.

He stressed, however, that Brazil was not looking at speed.

"We still prefer the ball, not the football. Our players prefer the technique, not the speed," he wrote.

He said the base of the Brazilian team for Italy in the 1990 World Cup would be the same as Mexico, naming Carlos, Josimar, Julio Cesar, and Alemão, and highlighting the fact that Elzo, Sillas, Muller and Careca were all players under 24, with Carlos the oldest at 31.

The Brazilian championship kicked off on August 10.

against Czechoslovakia a week ago.

Although Koch was substituted at halftime with a foot injury, Polak emerged as the man of the match. The fair-haired midfielder thrilled the crowd with pace, skill and two goals in the 6-1 victory.

Les Scheinflug already has dubbed the Queenslander his "Blond Patikas" ... a tag which is certain to attract the attention of a club like Sydney Croatia, which already has signed a former Queenslander in Manis Lamond.

"Polak is explosive. When he turns with the ball and accelerates he is brilliant. He just glides over the field, you hardly see his legs moving," Scheinflug said.

AND IT'S A ALREADY HAPPENING ...

QUEENSLAND Soccer has felt the first backlash of its likely axing from the national competition.

Australian youth team stars Jason Polak and John Koch, two of the Sunshine State's most promising products in recent years, told the media on their recent return to Brisbane that it was highly unlikely they would return to Queensland to play.

The pair, who have been students at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for the past

BY GREG RUSSELL

18 months, said they had little choice but to look for a southern club if Brisbane City or Lions did not keep their place in the national league.

"It's sad for Queensland Soccer that there might not be a Brisbane team in the NSL and it's going to be bad for young players. They will have no choice but to go south," Polak said.

Koch and Polak have been team-mates since under 12's at Pine Rivers and the small Perry Park crowd cheered them loudly during the youth international

QUEENSLAND SOCCER COULD LOSE OUT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

REPORTS that the Queensland Soccer Federation will welcome Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions back from the National Soccer League — but are they misguided.

When the Brisbane clubs cease competing against the country's best it is virtually impossible to avoid a drop in football standards.

The top talent must move out. Alternatively their football cannot be improved by competing at a lower standard.

The QSF will have gained full power over the clubs of its state, but that type of control is not what the public needs.

So far as any embarrassment being occasioned to the QSF in having a NSW club from just over the border at Kingscliff playing in its competitions — then perish the thought.

It is far more logical for the club to compete on the nearby Gold Coast than keep travelling down to the NSW North Coast for a good competition.

A similar position was encountered on the NSW — Victoria border and an accommodation was thrashed out.

The twin cities of Albury and Wodonga straddle the border and their clubs compete in the one competition.

Perhaps it was a case of good old common-sense winning through, albeit after quite a few crises.

Returning to Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions, it is possible to mount a good case for their inclusion with a few pick NSW clubs, Newcastle, Canberra and perhaps Wollon-

gong in a Super League.

That would involve people with real drive getting together and forcing matters, if they believe in their cause.

This is unlikely to happen, but it is worth more than a cursory thought from the clubs concerned, even at this late stage.

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YOUNG SOCCEROOS FOR SUNSHINE STATE!

Brusasco's plan

THE QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation wants to make its headquarters, Perry Park, the home of Australia's Young Soceroos.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Although only a disappointing 1000-strong crowd turned out to watch the Young Soceroos beat Czechoslovakia 6-1 at Perry Park a week ago, QSF and Australian Soccer Federation officials believe Queenslanders can warm to the youth team.

"There were a lot of things that went against a good crowd," QSF President Ian Brusasco said.

"We didn't get a lot of notice of the game. Then on the night it was probably the coldest evening in Brisbane this year. It was easy for Soccer fans to stay in."

But Brusasco said public education about the youth team was probably the biggest stumbling block in getting big crowds to attend the young Soceroos' matches, but the coverage the 6-1 win gained could prove to be the breakthrough.

"I don't think a lot of people quite understand the youth concept. But I

am sure the crowd we got this week will now spread the word," Brusasco said.

"We have a very, very good team and I am sure that if they play in Brisbane again the response will be much better."

Australian Soccer Federation vice-president, Michael Weinstein, who was at the Perry Park match, was disappointed in Brisbane's crowd — the lowest for the three youth international — but took a diplomatic approach.

"We were disappointed with the attendance, but that does not mean we are writing Queensland off for international matches in the future. This match was the first step in building a good crowd. We have to look to the future and Queensland will always get preference as far as the youth team is concerned."

Youth team coach Les Scheinflug left no doubts that he would like to return to Brisbane some time in the future for a training camp or further trial matches.

"Queensland has the best winter in Australia, I would be more than pleased to come here again," he said.

"The facilities are here and the people are very friendly."

While the youth team's program probably does not allow for a visit back to the Sunshine State this year, if the side can win the Oceania qualifying group and gain a start in the World Youth Championships in Chile, Queensland would be an ideal preparation starting point.

The tournament would be mid-year and it would seem ludicrous to risk colds and sniffles by training in colder Canberra or Sydney.

'SUNNY JIM' DIPS OUT FROM HIS A.I.S. POST

BY KEITH GILMOUR



JIMMY SHOULDER ... bound for pastures greener.

LOVE him - and it should be impossible to hate him - the AIS will not be the same when Jimmy Shoulder moves out of his spot as head Soccer coach at the Australian Institute of Sport in December.

No parent ever had any fear that Jimmy Shoulder would do other than give their offspring his best when it came to football training or setting a standard in behaviour or education.

Shoulder arrived at the Institute in early 1981 and he has done well in picking out the best available talent nationally over the years.

His terms with the Australian team and the youth team were not blessed with the same results that he has put together at the Institute.

Shoulder began as a professional in his native north of England but a knee injury stopped him from progressing in the playing arena.

He was brought out to Australia by National Director of Coaching Eric Worthington, who has a keen appreciation of his ability and style.

Shoulder intends to have a break with his family and then have a look at the latest methods on view at the major clubs of Europe.

"I intend to further my education in Soccer and also keep up with the latest developments," he said.

Shoulder peaked in the tournament in Australia against Arsenal, Celtic and Red Star before missing out on World Cup prominence.

He may well have made one record that will stand forever and a day. Jim is likely to be the only national Soccer coach to live in the little NSW country township of Yass.

It was in fact a good offer received to purchase his Yass home that provided the wherewithal to enable him to travel.

Upon making his decision Shoulder unleashed a broadside aimed at those who would prefer to see the AIS Soccer programme placed at other than the Canberra campus.

Jimmy does not believe that the support facilities at Bruce could ever be satisfactorily

handled anywhere else - and that excludes the big NSW complex at Valentine Park, Parklea.

That is a question that remains to be resolved. In view of the excellence of the AIS, with its indoor pitch and Polygrass outdoor pitch and support facilities, it is not a matter to be dealt with in haste.

However the choice of his successor requires the widest possible search for the right man for the job.

Too much depends upon the ability of the person chosen to leave it with a narrow selection, and with too much in the way of preconceived ideas of who the Shoulder successor should be.

STATE LEAGUE IN A PICKLE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

DEFLECTIONS from the pre-arranged voting pattern won the State League battle in the NSW Soccer Federation.

Simultaneously however the entire war was lost.

Clubs under threat of going to Second Division when the National League clubs return decided to vote to stay in First Division.

Second Division clubs were against a new deal over the question of promotion.

So a league of 12 from State League and six or more from National League could be formed for 1987.

Twelve and fourteen team leagues went out the window.

The ideal number for quality and quality is 12 teams in the Australian environment at most.

Unless the First Division clubs come to their senses and bring the general council into line a magnificent opportunity to run a NSW State Super League will go by the board.

There is room for the top 12 — maybe 14 — teams in the league.

The arithmetic of the NSW State League, until last Tuesday's extraordinary general meeting, was quite straightforward.

Three existing leagues of 12 teams plus say six teams returning = 42 teams ÷ 3 = 14 teams per league.

Clubs of Second Division standard would have been in that division and every club would have known where it fairly stood.

The First Division club met again after our press deadline.

Maybe they can come up with some future plan to try and cut down the competition.

Meanwhile the public will make its own judgment over how many players and teams of genuine State League standard exist.

And the returning teams from the National League should be entitled to more say in the debate.

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KEN GRIEVES WAS A CHAMPION

THE minds of many Soccer fans can easily return to the days 20 years ago when the APIA club rejoiced in players of the calibre of Johnny Giacometti, Audato Iglesias, Stan Ackerley, Fil Bottalico, Johnny Wong, Pat Hughes and Cliff van Blerk.

The previous era at Lambert Park contained a majority of players who were born and bred in the Leichhardt-Bal-

main district.

As Leichhardt-Anandale, they fielded players such as Frank Parsons, Harry Robertson, Albert de Paoli and the McMahon brothers and the great Joe Marston.

One who would have adorned Australian Soccer had he not gone on to play professional football and cricket in England was goalkeeper Ken Grieves.

Grieves had such an exceptional eye that he represented NSW in three sports — Soccer, cricket and baseball — whilst still a youngster.

He got the chance to play cricket with Rawtenstall in the Lancashire League when Keith Miller pulled out.

Soon after arriving in England his goalkeeping talents were noticed and he was soon playing for Bury.

Later he was on loan to Wigan Athletic, after which he had quite a spell with Bolton Wanderers.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



THE tournament against Czechoslovakia has provided most of the new players called into the national squad with the opportunity to show whether or not they have the necessary attributes required to play at international level.

These matches are vastly different to the National League and the associated pressure often has a detrimental effect on the performance of some players.

No doubt the coaching staff have gained invaluable information on the new players and this will be thoroughly analysed before the next squad is announced.

Some players such as Jeff Olver, Graham Arnold, Garry McDowall and Paul Wade would have definitely cemented their place in the national team. However some others have done little if anything to enhance their claims for inclusion in the next squad.

The games played by the national team are of such importance to the image and success of the game in Australia that it is impossible to include players who we are continually told "can win a match on their day".

If they are not prepared to make the effort when things are not going well and the chips are down then they don't deserve to hold

their place in the team.

It is in these situations that the true worth of a player to the team becomes evident. Unfortunately we saw against the Czechoslovakians that some players on the field were not prepared to battle when Australia fell behind on the scoreboard.

The national team is not necessarily made up of the best eleven players in the country.

The players on the park must have the ability to blend into a system of play decided on by the coach and then be able to produce games at a consistently high standard.

It is no good having a player who is not able to produce a little extra when World Cup qualifying games come around.

There are no second chances at that level and the coach must know who he can rely on to produce the type of game he requires. Reliability, consistency and the will to win are the main traits Frank Arok and his staff will be looking for in future squads. I hope they have

learnt well from the three games just completed.

★★★

ONLY in Australia could it happen! Anywhere else in the world the national team has the home advantage of a supportive crowd, home ground and an understanding referee.

Last Sunday as Robbie Dunn was about to tackle an opponent threatening the Australian goal someone in the crowd blew a whistle. Thinking the referee had suspended play Robbie and the other players stopped only to realise too late that the whistle had come from the stand. Consequently the Czechs went three up.

You really have to question the mentality of a person who would bother to take a whistle to the game in the first place; but to blow it in such a crucial situation for Australia is beyond comprehension.

Surely the referee should have used his discretionary power to stop the game because of interference from the spectators.

It certainly makes a

mockery of the old adage that is continually drummed into junior players that they must "play the whistle".

★★★

WHAT an excellent idea of Laslo Murray's to start a fan club for the Soccerroos. Surely the ASF should get behind such a venture and ensure it gets off the ground.

Inducements should be offered to entice junior players to seek membership as well as making the club look inviting to the adult fans.

No doubt it will be left up to the SBS television station to promote the idea. I'm quite certain it will be too radical for the senior citizens of the Soccer hierarchy.

★★★

THE superior skill displayed by the Czechs shows just how neglected this area of the game is throughout a players progress up through the junior ranks.

Steps should be taken from the national Dire-

ctor of Coaching down to the club level to provide weekend coaches with the opportunity to become qualified coaches.

It should be a compulsory undertaking for any person wishing to take over the coaching of a junior team so that the children are receiving the correct tuition in the fundamentals of the game.

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THE AUSTRALIAN side may have a fan club of their own.

LEAVE THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ALONE

FAR TOO much criticism has been thrown up against players and coaches following the three game series against Czechoslovakia.

An excellent Czech team obviously was going to win the series.

However, much was gained by Australia.

The last game in Sydney when Australia tried to attack the Czechs was always fraught with danger.

Such a good side as this, with a fine understanding of counter attack play, always were going to take advantage of an all-out Australian assault.

Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson will have learnt a valuable lesson from that game.

This is that just because you push a lot of players in attacking positions does not mean you will be able to attack.

In fact, until the last 15 minutes when the Czechs eased off, Australia did not get a shot at goal.

Against a team as good as our visitors, good attacks could only come from good build up play.

Speculative balls hit to front runners have no chance at this level of the game.

Counter attack Soccer, on which Australia in the main has relied against top nations in recent years, is easier to mount than the attacking game tried by Australia at the Parramatta Stadium.

Nevertheless, Australia gained much from the series.

Not one player could

be rated a flop.

This team will be a better one than its predecessor, despite the loss of Joe Watson.

On the other hand it will need to be.

As we saw in Mexico recently, the standard of Soccer has improved considerably at national team level.

This is especially so in the quality of movement off the ball, the passing to exploit this and also in the receiving skills of players.

All have an excellent touch when receiving the ball and seem very comfortable in possession of it.

Some of our players still "fight" the ball as they receive it.

Yet our skills are also

improving.

But, it is in this area that we have the most catching up to do.

Arok and Thompson are excellent coaches with outstanding track records.

Unwarranted criticism, some of it in areas not even associated with the playing of the games, make it so much harder for them.

Because our individual skill level is still under that of all top Soccer nations, and even that of middle class nations, it always makes it hard for us at international level.

Team cohesion, fitness and competitiveness are the basic Australian qualities which all will grow as this team

BY MIKE JOHNSON

consolidates over the next two years.

Arok is among the world's best coaches.

I have consistently said this for many years.

People do not get worse in their work.

With experience they get better.

Arok is better now than he was when he conquered Australia with a great St George team in the 70s.

Thompson has a handicap in having done all his coaching in Australia — but what a record.

Leave them alone.

Let them get on with their job and give them all the support possible.

EARLY DAYS FOR THE ROOS TO HOP

AFTER the poor performance by the Soccerroos in their 3-0 loss to Czechoslovakia things looked a bit bleak for the build-up to the Olympics and then further to the next World Cup.

But it is early days yet and experiments with different players have to be made so that eventually the right blend can be found.

Finding that blend is vital, but it has made more difficult for Frank Arok by his not having his overseas players available to work at whatever system he intends playing.

However he knows his overseas players' strengths and weaknesses, and where he will be fitting them into the team, so a similar pattern should be his aim over the next few months.

Czechoslovakia are a good team. Their general skill and their understanding were superb and maybe it was a bit unfortunate to play them at this stage of rebuilding.

But we need to see what the best are doing. We need to see what we have to do to compete with the best, and the main thing from it is we have to learn from it.



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
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I'm sure we'll get the right blend. It takes time to build a team and particularly at the top level, look at Glasgow Rangers \$5 million splash and a disastrous start to the season.

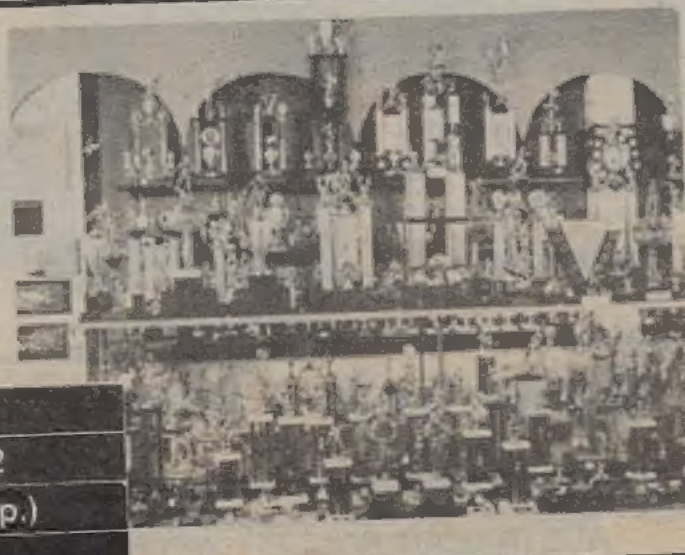
But they'll settle down and will be a force and I'm equally sure the Soccerroos will do the same.

So let's not be negative and criticise for criticism's sake, let's be positive and believe that when it counts at qualification time we'll have a national team to compete with the rest of the world.

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THE University of New England's annual Adidas National Soccer Camp is to be held in Armidale from 4th to 10th January, 1987.

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Willie Wallace, one of Scotland's greatest players, featured in three Scottish World Cup squads and in two European Cup Finals with Celtic.

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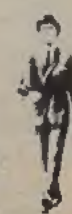
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CROATIA DO IT WITH EASE

SYDNEY CROATIA simply went through the motions in downing Wollongong City 3-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

Despite going behind after only eight minutes the home side recovered well to eventually dominate the affair.

The majority of the 4672 crowd was stunned when a near 40 metre free-kick by defender Reg Chilby was carried by the wind into the goalmouth where Steve Watson the Croatia keeper made a horrid miscalculation and dropped the ball as he fell into his goal.

Pat Brodnik was on hand to duly force the ball over the line and give a fascinating shape to the match.

With Zarko Odzakovic showing some of his true class in midfield the Croatian side were rarely troubled.

Wolves coach John Fleming thought all three goals were 'gifts', declaring: "We gave all three goals away. It is as simple as that. I couldn't believe the lack of concentration at vital moments."

Croatia grabbed the equaliser after 25 minutes when a free-kick was awarded following a Graham Arnold turn and run on the edge of the area.

Odzakovic stepped up and curled the ball through the wall and into the bottom left hand corner past Warwick Young's despairing dive.

"The wall just dispersed in the first goal," mused Fleming, "the ball just went right between two of them. You can't do that and get away with it."

Croatia asserted their authority from there on and could have grabbed a couple more with no trouble at all. On one occasion Marijan Kovacic headed over from three metres with no keeper at home and both Manis Lamond and Ivo Petkovic had shots saved.

Right on the stroke of half-time Odzakovic slung over a cross from the right and Kovacic atoned for his earlier mistake by ramming his header into the net beyond a poorly positioned Young.



MANIS LAMOND of Croatia

BY FRANK COLETTA

"Kovacic was all alone when he scored their second. There were players either side of him but none were marking him and right on half-time, it is inexcusable," explained a dejected Fleming.

With the commencement of the second half came Croatia's willingness to sit on their lead.

Arnold was well involved in the goalmouth sortees that eventuated early in the second term and he in fact put the home side further in front after 63 minutes when he received a pass from Petkovic inside the area, turned and bobbled his shot past the slow-moving Young.

It was not a day that both goalkeepers would like to remember as Young's opposites in Watson was not very sure handed either.

The remainder of the match was not very memorable except for a shot by Larry Gaffney hitting the post and both Peter Kotamanidis and Graham Jennings being carried off with injuries.

Jennings received a nasty knock on the ankle during a tackle with Rade Stefanovski and Kotamanidis damaged his knee ligaments in another regulation tackle.

Croatia's player-coach Vedran Rozic made it clear that the competition will be even more difficult from now on for his charges.

"Every game is going to be very hard as all the teams will be trying to make the 'top seven' for next year," Rozic said.

"In this game Wollongong put on the pressure with that early goal but after 20 minutes we were just too good."

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Savor, Jennings (Dragicevic 90), M.Kovacic, Rozic, Rezo, Jurin, Arnold, Odzakovic, Petkovic, Lamond (Clinch 46).

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Brodnik, Cokely, Giraldo, Batten, Kotamanidis (Stefanovski 77), Murray (Easthorpe 57), Gaffney.

Crowd: 4672
Referee: K.Small

NOT MUCH SOCCER FOR THE FANS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



MARSHALL SOPER of Olympic is pursued by Sydney City's Steve O'Connor and Robert Hooker. (Photo Modern Studios — 568 2853)



CHRIS KALANTZIS makes a surging run down the wing

CANBERRA DISMISSALS — NANDA CUP HANDICAP

BY STEVE SHELDON

CANBERRA CITY player-coach Steve Bryant was ropeable after three of his players had been dismissed by referee Terry Seacy in the match against APIA-Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Bryant complained: "Those send-offs cost us extremely valuable points. We considered walking off, but what good would it have done?"

"Now we have to play Adelaide Hellas on Wednesday night in the Nanda Cup semi-final in Adelaide and we will be without three of our top players."

"My heart goes out to the team. They kept on trying despite the odds being stacked against them."

It was certainly a frustrating match for Canberra. APIA edged its way up the competition ladder but Canberra suffered a 2-1 loss in a game that saw them whittled down to only eight men on the park.

The unhappy three were Jim Cant, John Mihailidis and Peter Mazis who were ordered off in the 36th, 63rd and 66th minutes respec-

tively. It was hard to understand why these three players brought such retribution on their heads as the referee's decisions seemed to be overly harsh.

Of the eight cautions handed out only two appeared to be justified. There could have been a huge boilover when a Canberra official tried to lead the players off the field after the third dismissal.

The game started without any hassles and APIA took the lead after just 15 minutes.

Midfielder Alex Bundalo put a rebound into the Canberra net after full-back Darren Stewart had supplied the free-kick.

Mark Koussas had APIA's second goal 12 minutes from time when he went round goalkeeper Tony Frank- en. The Maroons had

had plenty of other opportunities but this was the one they put away.

Although suffering from that three-player shortage, Canberra kept plugging away and two minutes from time midfielder Tommy Serman- ni collected his team's goal.

APIA coach Rale Rasic was delighted to accept the points. "We are not used to games where we have so many scoring chances against teams with so few players," he quipped.

Alex Bundalo, the man of the match, had a second reason to be elated. It was his first goal of the season.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna, Stewart, Brady, Bundalo, Lorens, Turnbull, Baran (Koussas 28m) Parison, Morello (Dounis 58m).

CANBERRA: Franken, Dunn, Mazis, Cant, Harkins, Bryant, Sermani, Mihailidis, Palacios, Gibson, Phillips.

Referee: T. Seacy. Crowd: 1205.

THE SYDNEY OLYMPIC-SYDNEY CITY Match of The Day which ended in a scoreless draw at the St George Stadium, turned out to be a rough, spiteful, physical and rugged affair which left the Soccer fans somewhat frustrated.

The intense rivalry that has existed between these two sides for the past three years, continued uninterrupted on Sunday with scuffles breaking out all over the pitch, making referee Richard Lorenc's task ever-so much more difficult.

One particular Olympic player, who has repeatedly provoked incidents with the knowledge of his club's huge supporters backing him, again was at it.

In one such incident he clashed with Sydney City's huge centre-back, Steve O'Connor. O'Connor retaliated by slapping the Olympic "hero" across the mouth. But, as is customary, the retaliating O'Connor was caught and given a yellow card for his understandable retaliatory actions.

In between the rough stuff, there was some good football played. But, not enough.

Olympic began well and soon got into their stride.

The 26th minute saw Olympic captain, Peter Raskopoulos square a ball to his right 30 metres out to find 'ball-playing' midfielder, Vicente Estavillo, but the South American's 15 metre drive went sailing

over the cross-bar.

The half hour mark saw Olympic's striker, Marshall Soper clip a nice long cross from the right touchline to the far post looking for his strike-colleague, Chris Kalantzis.

Kalantzis charged forward on the second post to get on the end of Soper's cross and planted a powerful header into the net, but Lorenc rightly disallowed the goal because Kalantzis had fouled right-back, Robbie Hooker on the way through.

The match was developing by now into a spiteful affair with some rigorous tackling as a far more solid-looking Olympic midfield of Stuart Johnston, Gary Phillips, Raskopoulos and Estavillo more than cancelled-out Sydney City's powerful unit of Grant Lee, Gerardo Gomez, Joe Watson and Tommy McCulloch.

With ten minutes to go before "drinks" Sydney City busted down the left flank through their explosive flanker, Frank Farina. But Farina well into the clear was starved of supporting inside men for a cross forcing the winger to try his luck from 20

SAINTS A

FOUR weeks ago there were extreme doubts that St George would be part of the revamped national league set-up next season. Today, they are being looked at as likely semi-finalists.

BY RAY GATT

Such are the fortunes of football that there is now an air of confidence in this St George camp. The sort of confidence that can transform a dispirited team into one which now believes they can win a championship.

Maybe that is wishful thinking, but few can deny or even dismiss that confidence now.

At the St George Stadium on Sunday, the Saints continued on their winning way in disposing of a disappointed Blacktown City 2-0 to cap one of the club's best weeks in several years.

Only four days after beating the highly fancied Marconi in a mid-week game, they confirmed that the fightback is no flash in the pan with another sound display.

Showing more purpose than their opponents, St George produced goals in each half from Andy Koczka (19th minute) and Peter-Petkovski (53rd minute) to score a thoroughly deserved victory.

It was a happy Frank-Arok who realised the full value of the win.

"That has now put us within reach of the final five," he said, "which is not a bad effort considering what we have gone through so far this season."

Arok admitted neither team had played well, "although we played a little better on the day".

He admitted Blacktown had worried him with some of their bursts of short passing, although they were too infrequent to cause the Saints too many problems.

Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin said he was "shattered" by the result.

"We relied too heavily at times on long through balls," de Bruin said. "St George could not help but win considering the number of times we gave them the ball."

De Bruin said the match showed just how much Blacktown relied on dynamic midfielder, Paul Kay, who missed the match because of injury.

He added that he had taken a beating by playing Peter Willis, Robbie Slater and Gary Byrne, who had missed recent

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N TOUGH, SPITEFUL, PHYSICAL ENCOUNTER

INTENSE RIVALRY SHOWS ON FIELD

metres out from a sharp angle. Farina's powerful low drive whistled just past Olympic's second post.

The 57th minute saw the best move of the match, and it came from Olympic.

Right-back Martyn Rogers collected the ball just short of halfway and firmly pushed forward down the middle to Soper. Soper took on a defender before releasing wide to the right flank to find Johnston.

Johnston, a very much underrated player for Sydney Olympic, rounded his left-back Jean-Paul de Marigny to whip across a lovely ball to the back post to find Kalantzis on the end of it. But Kalantzis put his short ranged header just over the cross-bar.

PENALTY APPEAL DISALLOWED

THE 62nd minute saw the whole St George Stadium erupt as fans violently protested for a penalty to be awarded to Olympic.

Raskopoulos punched a short ball through to Soper, who, in turn caught the entire Sydney City back-four square. Soper rapidly raced into the box as Sydney City's 17 year old goalkeeper, Brett Hughes flew off his line to cut the angle down.

Hughes dived low and across Soper's advancing body, toppling the striker to the ground. This ignited a ferocious penalty appeal throughout the terraces as the ball ran away from Soper and over the byline.

I feel that Lorenc, ignoring the heated appeals for a penalty by Olympic, was correct. Hughes made a genuine, valiant effort to gather the ball as Soper crashed into the goalkeeper spilling over onto the ground.

Olympic's back-four of Rogers, Mike Coady, Tony Dakos and Spanoudakis, looked more comfortable and composed against Sydney City than they have done so for a long time.

But the main reason for this was the fact of the numerical dominance they had in just having to look after only John Kosmina and Farina.

Sydney City's midfield failed to throw themselves forward to

stretch Olympic's back-four and thus support Kosmina and Farina.

In fact about the only non-Sydney City striker that felt the attack needed some supplementary contribution, was left-back, de Marigny.

de Marigny, a mobile tiger in defence, is rapidly developing into a fine attacking defender, launching lethal, left-footed crosses from the flanks, and dropping them into the opponent's box with geometric precision.

In fact, I can easily see Jean-Paul sooner or later forcing National coach Frank Arok to draft him into the Australian squad. This player cannot be neglected any longer.

The 72nd minute saw the flashing Farina streak away latching onto a perfect McCulloch through-ball. But Farina's smashing 14 metre drive was brilliantly blocked by Olympic's giant custodian, Gary Meier, diving sharply to his left to salvage a precious League point for Olympic.

Best performers for the home side were Gary Phillips, Emmanuel Spanoudakis, Kalantzis and Mike Coady whilst for Sydney City, Frank Farina, Jean-Paul de Marigny.

After the match, a

75th min), Petkovski, Koczka, Fletcher.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Northam, Ainsworth, Denyer, Willis (Quarmby 57th min); Byrne, Bradley (Thornthwaite 46m, Knight; Carroll, Slater, Sandy. Referee: G. Warne. Crowd: 5460.

placid Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, stated:

"I think the draw was a fair result as both teams cancelled each other out well. About

the penalty, well it was touch and go but what about the one where an Olympic fullback handled in the box?"

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis; Johnston, Phillips, Rasko-

poulos, Estavillo (Patell 80th); Soper, Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes; Hooker, O'Connor, Robertson, De Marigny; Lee (Saad 80th), Gomez, Watson, McCulloch; Farina Kosmina.

Referee: R. Lorenc. Crowd: 5,460.



BIG MATCH ACTION

GRANT LEE of Sydney City challenges Emmanuel Spanoudakis of Olympic

YANKOS SENT OFF AS HELLAS LOSE

SOCCEROO sweeper Charlie Yankos was sent off as Brisbane Lions scored a 2-1 win over Adelaide Hellas at Richlands.

GREG RUSSELL

Yankos got his marching orders in the 35th minute after an incident uncharacteristic of a player with such a distinguished international background.

Yankos had been booked in the 19th minute for a roughhouse tackle and was shown the red card when he blatantly kicked Lions striker Jim Morton in back play.

The incident seemingly was a carry-on from an earlier clash in the penalty box. Lions broke quickly in attack and Yankos was retreating when suddenly Morton was felled.

What the Socceroo defender did not realise was that referee Alan Kibbler was directly behind him when he took his swipe.

With the NSL axe hanging over both these clubs this match mirrored the desperate state both clubs are now in as they strive for enough points to miss the drop.

The desperation has spilled over to the players and this match was more memorable for glaring misses rather than brilliant goals.

Lions' Clark Anderson, Danny Wright and West Adelaide's Gary Ward and Lou Hristodoulou all missed dream opportunities.

Lions were the first to get on the score sheet

when Irish import David Richardson scored in the 17th minute. It was Richardson's third goal in as many Brisbane appearances and he will be sorely missed when he returns home this weekend in a flying visit for his brother's wedding.

Richardson got his goal after he volleyed home a ball headed across the goal by Steve Jackson off an Alan Niven free kick.

Lions went two up in the 30th minute when Danny Wright, possibly in an offside position if the appeals of the Adelaide defenders were an indication, headed home a well placed Jim Morton cross.

Two minutes later Adelaide Hellas got back into the game when Ward made amends for his earlier miss when he headed home a George Konstandopoulos corner.

Yankos' send-off followed shortly after and amazingly it inspired his 10 remaining team mates to raise their game and the visitors were desperately unlucky not to go into the break on even terms.

Hristodoulou broke through the Lions defence in the 40th minute and had only keeper

Wayne Evans to beat but shot wide after he had done all the hard work. And a minute later a fine shot by Ward was well save by Evans.

Only seconds after the restart Anderson missed a golden opportunity to wrap up the game for Lions when, confronted by an open goal, he headed a pinpoint cross wide. It was a header a desperate defender would have been proud of rather than that of a striker attempting to put his team further ahead.

Four minutes later Danny Wright had his shot well saved by Gary Sproul, who had a safe game in the wet conditions. The match then fell away with Lions desperate to hang on to their two points which gives them still a slender ray of hope of making the final 14 cut.

But after the game Adelaide Hellas coach Edmund Kreft, whose side is still a point ahead of Lions on the table, slammed the Brisbane team.

Kreft said there was no place in Australia's national soccer competition for a kick and run side. But surely on the day kick and run or not, Lions were the better team.

LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, Wright, Morton, Richardson.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Hiern, Hristodoulou, Ward, Manou, Scott, Panagis, Price (Konstandopoulos 16), Alsalem. Referee: Alan Kibbler. Crowd: 418.

MULLEN LIFTS CITY TOP FOUR

BY TOM MCKAIN

JOE MULLEN lifted Adelaide City back into fourth place in the Southern Division when he broke the deadlock against Brisbane City at Olympic Sportsfield where the home team went on to win 2-nil.

Up until his goal in the 27th minute, it was anyone's game and City fans were even booing their team as they fell back in defence.

But they were cheered off the ground at half time after Socceroo Sergio Melta had made it 2-nil in the 30th minute from a penalty following a Frank Mengotti hand ball.

A cross from another Socceroo, Steve Maxwell, was heading for Charlie Villani on the left when the Queenslander got in the way.

Into the second half and City coach Zoran Matic sent on winger Paul Wilde for midfield Adrian Santrac, dropping Villani back to midfield.

City then started to fire.

Indeed, but for Rob Harrison in the Brisbane goal the SA combine could have made it 4-1.

At the other end of the field in the second half it was home goalkeeper Willie McNally, in his second match since missing six because of injury, who stopped Lea Scriggins from close in, then blasted his defence for leaving him exposed.

While Adelaide eventually took the points and deserved them, one must have sympathy for Brisbane.

After listing striker Kiernan Cooper they had to sit him on the bench with an injured knee, then send him on in the 56th minute for the injured Alfie Catalona, only to take Cooper off again when he broke down.

Coach Billy Wilkinson took over from Cooper in the 70th minute when he had to again adjust his lineup, which proved too much.

After two disastrous defeats, Adelaide is back in the hunt for a top five playoff spot and a possible crack at the National title.

And they are anticipating victory this weekend against local rival Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium to follow their 3-1 home win earlier in the season.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin (Higgins 80), Santrac (Wilde 4), Melta, Vidmar, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Fabrizio, Caird, Archer, Mengotti, Catalona (Cooper 56, Wilkinson 70), White, Chapman, Scriggins, Mirosevic, Vasekov. Referee: D. Campbell, SA. Crowd: 2328.



ROBBIE SLATER confronts DAVID SKEEN

matches because of injury.

Slater, after a slow first half, showed up much better in the second half and he looked the only Blacktown player capable of causing problems for the St George defence which was well marshalled by David Ratcliffe.

But the best player for the Saints was John O'Shea. O'Shea, often under-rated, worked tirelessly in the middle of the field.

Up front Koczka had another fine match and is obviously enjoying his new role as a striker. Graeme Fletcher, after a slow start with his new club, is also coming into his own and starting to score regularly.

Unfortunately for the Saints, Koczka picked up a yellow card and will now miss next weekend's match because he has exceeded the points limit under the yellow card system.

Koczka opened the scoring in the 19th minute when he latched on to a free-kick just outside the box and put his left-footed shot into the right hand corner of the goal.

Petkovski sealed the match with a well-taken goal after Pedro Ricoy had beaten two players with a nice run.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

HEIDELBERG BLITZ POOR JUVE IN POWER DISPLAY

IN A one-sided contest last Sunday Heidelberg completely overwhelmed Brunswick Juventus to the tune of four goals to one.

Luckily for Juve, on the same day joint leaders Footscray JUST could manage only a scoreless draw with bottom team Green Gully. Consequently only one point separates the two teams as they prepare to face each other in next week's all important clash.

Ironically, both teams go into next week's "match of the year" with very poor recent form. Footscray have now won just once in the last six weeks while Juve have suffered successive defeats.

Last Sunday's display by the Black and Whites was without doubt their worst of the year. From the word go they appeared tentative and defensive and Heidelberg, sensing this, grabbed the initiative almost from the kickoff.

It was obvious that the Bergers were under strict instructions to play aggressive football and this is precisely what they did for the entire 90 minutes.

After a period of intense pressure Heidelberg was rewarded in the 15th minute when Alan Hunter beat two defenders to head home from a Doug Brown corner and just one minute later Brown pounced on a miss-kick from Juve fullback Eddie Campbell to make it 2-nil in as many minutes.

INTER SHOW GREAT FIGHT

REDUCED to 10 men for almost two thirds of the game, determined Inter Monaro hit back to score a 1-nil win over Canterbury and move off the bottom of the Northern Division table for the first time this season.

And the man who did it for them was big striker Marko Perinovic with a goal out of nothing eight minutes from the end.

The game was drifting towards a scoreless draw when a long, downfield clearance from goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski found Perinovic with his back to goal.

"I thought about trying to turn and chip it into the middle, but I've been practicing overhead kicks all week and it felt so beautifully I thought I'd have a go," he said.

"The next thing I knew I was on my back and the ball was dipping into the net."

Monaro achieved the result after battling with 10 men when, after 33 minutes Canterbury's George Haniotis brought Steve Winn down.

A foul was signalled by referee Roger Doenau but the players continued to jostle each other and Winn swung a punch which booked him an early trip to the dressing room.

If Canterbury had expected an easier ride against 10 men they



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

Juve's rare ventures forward were never threatening as the Berger defence, led superbly by Hunter, held firm. Indeed, the Heidelberg back four were instrumental in propelling their team forward time and again.

For Juve, it was an uphill battle just to try and stay in the game.

The second half proved just as disastrous for Juve with Heidelberg as relentless in their approach. In the 54th minute from a counter-attack Doug Brown made it 3-nil when he proved too quick for keeper Yakka Banovic, who had come out of his area to try and clear the danger and in doing so left Brown with an open goal to shoot at.

Then to make matters even worse talented Juve midfielder Mike

Petersen was sent off three minutes later after a clash with Heidelberg's Tappas behind play. Down to 10 men and facing a 3-nil deficit Juve needed nothing short of a miracle.

Heidelberg could now sense a whitewash on the cards and if not for the brilliance of Banovic

could have been 6-nil ahead.

In the 73rd minute Juve defender Brian Brown brought down his namesake Doug in the penalty box and from the resulting spot kick Brown himself made it 4-nil and at the same time posted his hattrick.

The consolation goal

N'CLE CAUSE A BOILOVER

A GOAL scored inside the last two minutes of each half at the Adamstown Sportsground failed to save Marconi from defeat on Saturday night.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Newcastle Rosebud United, with a 3-2 win, caused yet another upset in the Northern Division and moved a notch closer towards a place in the approaching play-off series.

Marconi were without Craig Mason and Peter Tredinnick through suspensions, but could not blame their omission for the defeat.

Les Scheinflug, obviously disappointed with the result, agreed that his side had had their chances, but the finishing touches were either misdirected or snuffed out by the Rosebud defence.

Rosebud coach Peter Irving said that, with the half time score of 2-1 favouring his team, it was anyone's game. But the Rosebud character had prevailed as Marconi threw everything into a second-half salvage attempt.

Referee Tony Pollard refused some stern reprisals for early niggling incidents and handed out yellow cards to Joe Rizzotto in the fifth minute, Ozvaldo El' Ali in the 32nd and Bobby Naumov in the 33rd.

Marconi looked good in the early stages and came close to scoring in the eighth minute. But Paul Carter, gathering in a pass from Ian Gray, drove his shot over the bar.

Then Gray broke through centre field but the Rosebud keeper, Clint Gosling, blocked the shot just inside the box and Gray missed completely with his offering from the rebound.

By then, Rosebuds had begun to mount their own attack and, in the 21st minute the irrepressible Sean Ingham, wide on the left made an incisive run following a movement started by Ross Milosevic. He centred beautifully for midfielder Ralph Maier, who timed his run perfectly to slot the ball past Bruce James in the Marconi goal.

John Cavanah was next on the scene from a set move, but James parried his shot for a corner kick.

Rosebuds however, were not to be denied, and when midfielder Paul Crabtree drove a 30 metre free kick into the penalty area, Lee Sterrey, under pressure

from John Macquarrie, turned the ball into the Marconi goal.

In the 39th minute, Tony Henderson, who was Marconi's best player, set up Gray but Gosling again rose to the occasion.

Two minutes from half time Marconi got their start when Henderson scored with a superb 10 metre header from an El' Ali corner kick on the left. Almost on half time, Rod Brown broke through the Rosebud backline and his shot from the left side of the penalty area flashed past the far post.

Adrian Janin replaced the injured Sterrey in the 73rd minute and Mark Jankovics went on for Geoff Gunning five minutes later.

Meanwhile Naumov had missed a golden opportunity to put Rosebuds further ahead as James foiled the attempt and Mark Jones was wide with his shot which came from the loose ball that followed.

Having weathered a 10 minute barrage from Marconi, Rosebud struck back in the 80th minute again through Ingham.

The quicksilver striker took on Wheatley before crossing with pinpoint accuracy and Naumov hardly had to move as he volleyed his 12 metre shot low into the left hand corner.

Marconi stung for the third time in the match, won a free kick and Gosling was forced to make a great diving save from Janin's drive.

Two minutes from full time, Gray made amends for his earlier lapses with a neat goal from just inside the penalty area.

While Henderson was outstanding in the Marconi defence John Cavanah was Rosebud's best on the night. His tight marking of David Lowe in the second half and timely tackling and clearances did much to ensure the Rosebud victory.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannan, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, Macquarrie, Milosevic.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Wheatley, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Sterrey (Janin 73), Gunning (Jankovics 78), El' Ali.

Referee: Tony Pollard. Crowd: 1713.

for the Black and Whites came belatedly four minutes from time from the boot of sweeper John Yzendoorn who was probably Juve's only good player in a very dismal effort all round.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Katsakidis, Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Wilson, Tsolakis, Pappas, Kanesoulis (Lucchesi), Brown (Ousakas).

JUVENUS: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Cutten, Petersen, Palatsidis, Durakovic, Zinni, Patterson (Montemurro and Deamicis).



Footscray JUST are league leaders again but their hold on top spot seems very shaky indeed judging by their mediocre display against lowly Green Gully.

Their skill and precision passing, particularly, seem to have deserted them and they are finding it increasingly difficult to score goals.

It will be interesting to see in the coming weeks if they can recapture their best form and prove worthy contenders for the Southern Division championship. Next week's top of the table clash with Juventus could be a make or break affair for them.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktaric, Karic, Vukovic, Belic, Tapal, Stolic, Latif (Curovic), Lujic, Spink. GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hoggan, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell (Campbell) Quigley, Carter, Ward (Theodosopolous), Cumming, Girmaud, McClelland.



It will be fair to say that luck deserted South Melbourne Hellas last Sunday as Richard Miranda, Bobby Russell and Stuart Stevenson were all thwarted by the woodwork in their clash with Sunshine.

Both teams had chances to score but South Melbourne would have been very stiff to lose the game as they held sway for the most part.

An unfortunate clash of heads between Sunshine's Tyrone James and South Melbourne's Charlie Egan resulted in both players needing stitches and being substituted.

Perhaps the loss of Egan was more important in that it robbed South Melbourne of their most dangerous forward in a day when good finishing was lacking on both sides.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Postecoglou, Blair, Russell, McDowell, Anazakis, Halford, Miranda, Crainnie (Mihos), Egan (Andriote), Stevenson.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Campbell, Parton, James (Innes), Richardson, Faulkner, McKelvie, Gilder, Mitten, Bain, Markovski.



Preston and Melbourne Croatia drew 3-3 in an exciting game at Olympic Park No 1.

Jimmy Campbell had put Melbourne 1-nil up in the eighth minute but Steve Smith equalised

DISPLAY

on the half hour to leave the game well poised for what proved an absorbing second half.

Croatia dominated early on and raced to a 3-1 lead thanks to goals from substitute Gagula and striker Paul Lewis but to their credit Preston fought back strongly.

Gary Cole pegged one back to give them some hope and then just when it appeared that the game had slipped away from them Graham Heys equalised three minutes from the end to help Preston share the points in the six goal thriller.

CROATIA: Runje, Talajic, McIntosh, Hannah, Redmond, Biakic, Campbell, Gojevic, (Gagula), Christaldo, Abrahams, Lewis.

PRESTON: Trainanedis, McClelland, Dobson, Woodall (Opasinas), Ilioski, Van Egmond (Sliskas), Campbell, Roodhouse, Heys, Cole, Smith.

Stuart Stevenson scored the winning goal two minutes from full time to help South Melbourne Hellas overcome Melbourne Croatia by the only goal last Wednesday night.

Stevenson, signed from Sydney Olympic, scored when he received the ball off a rebound and hit home a low shot to beat goalkeeper Runje.

The match had been a cliffhanger all night as Croatia also went close to scoring through Josip Biskic, but it was not to be their night.

YOU HAVE GOT TO HAND IT TO THEM

BY FRANK COLETTA

IN a game dominated by controversy and drama St George had to rely on the brilliance of ex-international Soccerro Terry Greedy to defy the Marconi side and earn a 2-1 victory over the ten-man home team.

The Fairfielders were always going to be up against it when after 23 minutes their inspirational midfielder Craig Mason was sent from the field by referee Manny Loupis after what can at worst be termed a 'professional foul' on a rampant Graeme Fletcher.

The decision mystified the 1,000 people at the ground, and not the least Mason. At first it seemed Loupis had made a mistake by inadvertently pulling out the red card, but he was firm in his decision.

St George immediately took advantage of the situation and Marconi's vulnerability at the back when in the 36th minute Peter Petkovski crossed and Bruce James missed the ball to allow Fletcher an easy tap in at the far post.

Frank Arok's side increased their lead just eight minutes after the break when Fletcher returned the compliment to Petkovski with a cut-back pass from the by-line leaving Petkovski an even easier touch home than his predecessor.

Far from being rattled, the 2-0 scoreline seemed to spark Marconi into attack and they were led in spectacular fashion by Osvaldo El'Ali, who absolutely 'had David Skeen for dinner'.

One of El'Ali's many dynamic runs led to the Marconi goal in the 57th minute. He worked well on the right, and got his

cross in under challenge from two defenders to find Rod Brown at the far post. The finish involved more than a suspicion of handball.

In fact to all and sundry at the ground — apart from the referee and his linesman — it appeared that Brown had all but caught it and thrown it over the line!

The goal stood and so did Marconi's hunger for the equaliser.

If Brown's handy effort was good then Terry Greedy's use of his 'mits' was exemplary.

No better example of Greedy's performance can be given than a five-minute spell on the hour.

Marconi received five successive corners and on each occasion it was 'Shilton' who dealt with the Saints' problems.

Lowe, El'Ali and Brown were all denied twice by the keeper and when Greedy was beaten there was still no joy for Marconi.

Lee Sterrey could only watch in despair when his header from a Peter Tredinnick corner crashed against the post with Greedy beaten.

St George could have made sure of their victory many times earlier. Because of inept finishing and last ditch measures by Marconi they lived a thousand deaths until the final whistle.

Les Scheinflug's outfit could have in fact grabbed the equaliser with only two minutes remaining when Rod Brown's deflected shot looped over Greedy's head only to have David Ratcliffe save the day for the Saints with a spectacular flying header.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Wheatley (Gunning 73), Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, El'Ali.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen (Morris 88), R.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Petkovski, O'neill, Kozicki, Fletcher. Crowd: 384 Referee: G.Hamph.

SOCCEROOS TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE AND ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVE

A POSITIVE and futuristic outlook must now be adopted towards national coach Frank Arok and his Winfield Socceroos following the series against Czechoslovakia.

For although the Czechs have come and gone, the arguments will no doubt rage for some time over the Socceroo performances.

In some places, there is dismay over Australia's display and their failure to win and square the series.

These same people would find a way to fault coach Arok and his Socceroos if they were to win the World Cup.

There were questions that had to be answered about this new look squad and its ability to perform at top international level.

This was the main point of the exercise.

A great deal of these questions have now been answered and coach Arok and his backroom staff will proceed accordingly.

It was obvious from the start in the clashes against the Czechs, Australia would be judged on its brilliant performances against Scotland in the World Cup qualifying games at the end of last year.

Many expected the Socceroos to carry on where they left off against the Scots.

This would have been absolutely marvellous, but in all honesty and being realistic...mission impossible.

For the simple fact is - in the last match of the series against Czechoslovakia, when beaten 3-0 at Parramatta Stadium, nine of the players who did so well in

the games against Scotland were missing from the lineup.

They were Terry Greedy, Alan Davidson, Steve O'Connor, David Ratcliffe, Ken Murphy, Oscar Crino, Joe Watson, Jim Patikas and David Mitchell.

This is not just the heart of the team - but nearly the whole team.

PRESENT STAGE

And to expect a developing Soccer nation such as Australia and national coach Arok, despite his brilliance, to come up with a new winning formula against a side like Czechoslovakia, was expecting too much.

Also, many, including

myself, underestimated the Czechs. This was a mistake.

Czechoslovakia were a brilliant outfit playing a modern brand of highly technical football.

It took coach Arok and his assistants around three years and a great deal of hard work and effort to bring the national team up to the required standard for the last World Cup qualifying games.

Arok will do it again for the Olympics in 1988 and the next World Cup.

But this takes time and trial and error and a great deal of patience and understanding.

Overnight success just does not happen in football - there's no such thing.

For the game against the Czechs, Arok brought together a new squad with many players completely in the dark

about what is required in a national team set-up.

A player producing at international level is a complete new ball game from club level.

Indeed it's a test of character for any player.

TACTICAL SWITCH

Against Czechoslovakia, coach Arok was also forced to change his tactics, after the first match in Melbourne.

A new defensive set-up had to be employed, which meant scrapping the tried and trusted three central defensive style in favour of two central defenders.

The Socceroo defenders found it hard to adjust and cheap goals were conceded.

It is difficult when you play in a club set-up that is way behind that of Europe and South America.

Since the series, I have heard it stated that teams such as West Germany, Brazil and Italy would have coped in such a situation.

Unfortunately as yet, we cannot be classed in this category.

But it's an ill wind that blows no good, and this was the beginning of an alternative defensive system for the Socceroos.

The mistakes made against the Czechs will be fully analysed and perfection will be strived for in training and a new

dimension will have been added to the Socceroo playing repertoire.

Coach Arok could have gone out against Czechoslovakia and stacked his defence and played a negative game.

VERSATILE

He adopted a positive outlook - even although he realised what the consequences would be.

The worst happened, but it highlighted the shortcomings of the team and what is needed in future planning and preparation.

Surely this is what this series was supposed to be all about in the first place.

In goal, Jeff Olver, who took over from Terry Greedy, at present on the retired list, did all that was asked of him.

With Alan Davidson unavailable at right back, young Angie Postecoglou was thrown in at the deep end.

Although by no means a failure, he needs time to find his feet and must not be rushed.

An alternative here is the strong tackling Garry McDowall, who also has a wealth of experience.

In the sweeper position, Charlie Yankos was solid and Robbie Dunn will be a much better player with the return of David Ratcliffe.

At the present moment, Ratcliffe is essential in the Socceroo

defence.

His dominating play, commanding character and ability to organise, has a telling effect on all those around him.

Graham Jennings at left back was not his usual self and I would like to see the Jennings of old - much more offensive and willing to overlap.

NO MURPHY

The midfield did not function properly without Murphy, Watson, Crino and Patikas.

And let's face it, this had to be expected as players of this calibre are few and far between in Australia.

Zarko Odzakov was given the role as playmaker, but could not get going.

Graham Arnold, in a withdrawn striking role, worked his butt off and with more coaching and direction in this role - performed so well by Patikas - will succeed in the future.

In his first international series, Paul Wade looked the part and will be a force, once he has settled into the squad.

However I am convinced that a real midfield general is one of coach Arok's top requirements and he must be found when the likes of Murphy and Crino are unavailable.

Even though Murphy is regarded by many as a workhorse, his presence and experience have great bearing on the success of a Socceroo midfield.

Also, there was a lack of mobility in the Socceroo midfield, but again this will come through understanding between the new players.

Up front, the value of John Kosmina was again to the fore, but a real striking partner or partners, must be found to take some of the weight



TOM ANDERSON discusses all those problems Frank Arok has in rebuilding the Socceroos.

off his shoulders.

Marshall Soper disappointed and just did not produce what was expected from him.

Young Chris Kalantzis did well, but like Postecoglou, must not be rushed but expertly introduced into international football.

As I stated previously, there were many questions answered in this series against the Czechs.

Coach Arok will now act accordingly in his preparations and team building.

He must also be given utmost support in his efforts.

This series was the first step in the Socceroos' four-year preparation plan and despite the results of the games, it must be regarded as a success.

For Frank Arok and his Winfield Socceroos, this was not the beginning of the end.

But merely the end of the beginning of a future that looks bright and one that will lead to the Olympics in Seoul in 1988 and the World Cup in Italy in 1990.



MARSHALL SOPER — disappointed.

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ZARKO ODZAKOV ... not a general



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

THERE could be a hitch when it comes to Australia fielding striker David Mitchell in the Socceroos' Olympic Games campaign.

'Mitch' earns his living as a Soccer player, and the Olympic rules state players cannot be full-time professionals.

However, we believe that his West German club, Eintracht, will release him as a "non-paid" player during the Games, so there should be no hassles.

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KEN KAISER and Keith Harris remain actively engaged in the Speedsoccer centre at Cardiff, Newcastle, along with manager Darryl Wallace. The pair, along with Willie Gallagher and local coach Bruce Tracey, expect that their team will make the grade to the semi-finals of the current competition.

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THAT man of statistics Harry Hetherington can be relied upon to come up with the goods. Recently he was able to prove that a certain player had reached his one hundred first grade appearances for his Northern NSW club when they thought there was still a few to go.

His latest surprise which has sent officials back to the old records is about the Lake Macquarie club. They claim to have come into existence in 1912 but Harry says it was founded some years earlier. As Harry says "its all here in black and white."

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THE Australian Soccer Federation is looking to strike up a relationship once more with South Korea — host country for the 1988 Olympic Games.

But it will and can only be on a friendly match basis — that's unless both countries happen to meet at the Olympic Soccer tournament in Seoul.

The South Koreans who performed so creditably at the World Cup finals in Mexico and who are not grouped in the Oceania section, wanted to play the Socceroos this month. But because of Australia's commitment to Czechoslovakia it was not possible.



Parramatta Stadium Action: CHRIS KALANTZIS on the ball for Australia against the Czechoslovakians.

IN competitions being conducted by the Northern NSW Soccer Federation only one team has scored maximum points. They are Cliff United who played in Section A of the Suburban League.

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GARY WARD is certain to miss Adelaide Hellas' Nanda Cup semi-final tomorrow night against Canberra at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The striker is Cup-tied to Melbourne Croatia.

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The NSL took quick measures to make sure that the crowd violence from last year's Sydney Olympic — Sydney City Pratten Park match did not repeat itself.

The game was shifted to St. George Stadium!

WOLLONGONG City secretary John Vilestra isn't the most popular bloke around with NSL headquarters.

Vilestra hit the headlines in ASW with his alternative to the 14-team super league next season — a proposal that is workable and won't send clubs broke.

The Wolves' boss isn't expecting a Christmas card from the league bosses this year, but his plan has a lot more support among clubs than the NSL would like to admit.

AS ASW have received many inquiries about certain dates of certain matches, the story is this.

As yet the NSL haven't been able to set down dates of the OASL semi-finals and final play-offs and nor has the ASF decided on a venue for the second game against New Zealand.

But after the successful reaction to Parramatta Stadium for the Czech game it could well be chosen as the place to be.

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WOLLONGONG City, not noted for their attacking exploits, are going to be worse off than ever now that their Uruguayan import Saul Rivero is missing.

Rivero is out for the rest of the season with back and leg injuries and coach John Fleming says: "Rivero is a class act when he puts his mind to it. He's definitely been spotted and every time he takes the field he scored a goal. The trouble is getting him to play a full match."

On Rivero's countryman, Leonel Arcosa the Wolves boss says: "Arcosa always looks the part at training. I only wish he would carry his training form into a serious match."

"I really don't think the pace of the game in Australia suits his style."

THE pitfalls of playing reserves for the National League in local competitions hit Adelaide Hellas the other week.

Midfielder Chris Manou was sent off a State first division match, but nothing was thought of the incident as he could serve the suspension the next Saturday, and play for the national line-up on the Sunday.

But everyone, including your correspondent, forgot the next Saturday was a Cup semi-final day, in which Hellas was not involved.

The result was that Manou had to miss the vital Olympic Airways League match against Footscray on the Wednesday night, until another State League round had been completed.



CHRIS MANOU

WHILE we do not approve of wholesale changes to teams, we did feel sorry for the reserve Socceroo keepers.

While the experimenting was going on against the Czech, surely Tony Franken and Mike Gibson deserved a chance.

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INDOOR hockey has made its appearance at the Speedsoccer Centre in Cardiff. The Newcastle Hockey Association was able to modify its rules to take advantage of the indoor facility. David Wallace who manages the centre for Ken Kaiser and Keith Harris was the mastermind behind the changes.

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ADELAIDE City is rumored to be recalling some of the players it released to SA State League clubs for next season.

But not necessarily for National League duty.

They want to make sure their reserve team makes the State First Division in 1988, after two seasons in the Second Division.

ADELAIDE was delighted with the response to the second Winfield Czechoslovakia match, with more than 6000 fans rolling up.

No tickets were pre-sold, so there is a feeling that move was a gamble. However, it came off.

There were also rumblings about press advertisements which announced SBS would delay telecast the game that night at 10.30.

But, again, the crowds did not stay away and appreciated the match, despite the 1-0 win to the Czechs.

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THE Youth Socceroos were brought back to earth with a real thud last week after being swamped 4-0 by the Czechoslovakians and coach Les Schelnflug was glad!

Little did Les know though how much he was really 'Czech-mated' on that cold night in Newcastle.

It seemed strange indeed that after being whacked 3-0 and 6-1 that the Czechs could bounce back with so much style to win 4-0 and so it proved.

The Czechs fielded three senior players, among them electrifying winger Miroslav Siva, who is bound to be picked by coach Josef Masopust to play in the opening European Championship qualifier against Finland in October.

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A few interesting things have come out of the decision to award the Socceroo Old Boys a plaque for their services rendered.

Joe Watson was the first recipient of the Gold Award but little Joe had recently stated that he would like to see the ASF introduce caps as they do in England.

"Then again some of the former Green and Golds wouldn't mind a lifetime gold pass for entry to international games," says a prominent Sydney scribe.

Quite right too.

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ONE Brisbane club is planning a big end of season bash if it is cut from the National League. The club is planning to invite all those who helped its cause during 10 years in the NSL.

"If we are going to go out, we may as well go in style," one club official said.

TOMMY McCULLOCH is one of the players that can be considered more than a little unlucky not to have made the 24-man Socceroo squad for the series against Czechoslovakia.

Although the Sydney City midfielder knows that at 22 years of age he has plenty of time on his side, he has a real burning desire to get straight back into the national side.

"I don't like being out of the national squad. It seems strange watching my old team-mates on television. I miss the big-time scene," he confessed.

THE City Club of Canberra, the foundation Soccer club when the national capital participated in the inaugural national league back in 1977, will celebrate its tenth anniversary on September 21.

The club, one of the finest and most profitable licensed clubs in Canberra, confines its support nowadays to ACT Federation teams, schoolboy Soccer and a team in the national Indoor Soccer League. It will mark the occasion with a party for its foundation members, players and officials.

FOLLOWING our columnist, St George and one — time Australian goalkeeper TERRY GREEDY's (unkind?) reference to John Kosmina's actual 30 years last week ASW has had some (equally unkind) telephone calls.

"Is it true that Greedy is Kosmina's grandfather?" is alleged to have been the pick of the bunch. No more correspondence will be entered into on the subject!

WHILE the Young Socceroos 6-1 win over Czechoslovakia highlighted how well the team can play, it also underlined the poor condition of the playing surface at Perry Park. After watching players being beaten by the irregular bounce all night, QSF president Ian Brusasco declared a major upgrading of the pitch at the end of the season was likely.

IN the Wollongong City team which played Newcastle last week the midfield had a real League of Nations look about it.

The four players involved were Willie Murray (Scot), Bryan Cokely (Welshman), Rade Stefanovski (Yugoslav) and Uruguayan Leon Arcosa.

Generally during the season, the Wolves had had a real local look about them. When they started their home match against Sydney Olympic in June there were eight Illawarra products in the starting line-up.

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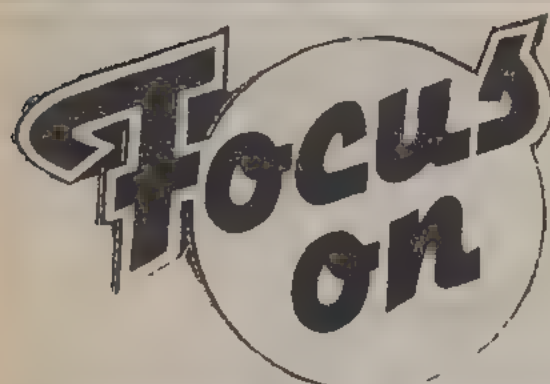
LET's hope that the 1988 Bicentenary Cup involving all the World Cup winners and probably France isn't scheduled for the middle of the year...because the European Championships are down in West Germany for that time of the year.

In other words Italy, West Germany and France would not be able to accept it if it is in the middle of our season.



AUGUSTO PALACIOS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



TOMMY SERMANNI

TOMMY SERMANNI, Canberra City's 32 year old captain, was brought out to Australia from Scotland by the then Marconi coach, Dougie Collins.

Collins knew Sermanni well in the U.K. and needed a player of his ability to control Marconi's midfield.

With the parting of company with Marconi, Collins went to Canberra and took Sermanni with him. And with Canberra Tommy has remained for the last three seasons.

Sermanni's vast experience as a play-maker has proved to be an enormous asset for the lads from the National Capital.

Operating from the right side of midfield, Tommy's quality crosses and tight defending makes him a quality player to have in any side.

I recently caught up with this most likeable, ever-smiling Scot for a short chat in Canberra. Tommy had much to say about Soccer in Australia as well as some comments about the recent World Cup.

"The administration at ALL levels must be seriously looked at here in Australia," advised Tommy.

"It badly needs a complete overhaul carefully. "Soccer's image must be drastically boosted

and fast.

"Juniors here are wonderful talent but are largely neglected," Sermanni observes.

BORN: July 1st 1954.

BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow, Scotland.

OCCUPATION: Schoolteacher of P.E. at Canberra's Sir Francis Xavier High.

PLAYING POSITION: Right-midfielder.

MARITAL STATUS: Engaged to Alison.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Albion Rovers, Dunfermline, Blackpool, Torquay United, Marconi and Canberra City Olympians.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER: "The unprofessionalism that many players in the National Soccer League have. Also the negative tactics by many coaches in the League in general."

ADVICE FOR PREPARING AUSTRALIA FOR THE 1990 WORLD CUP IN ROME: "Australia must settle down very quickly to a basic squad. One must remember that the 1990 World Cup really begins in two years time NOT in 1990. The squad must be decided very honestly and not for any political reasonings.

"There are some very good young players around that must be given the chance by being included in the Australian squad.

"Then this squad must be given as many international games as possible to gather experience."

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken, Spaghetti and Grapes.

FILM STARS: Robert Redford, Paul Newman, Kathleen Turner.

OTHER SPORTS: Golf and Volleyball.

THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO: "I didn't really appreciate Mexico fully, mainly because of

AUGUSTO PALACIOS, aged 29, and Canberra City Olympian's Peruvian International midfielder-cum-striker, has almost single-handed brought shock-victories for his side in the League.

Palacios, being a typical ball-playing South American, possesses excellent skills. But above all, Palacios has one of the most essential attributes all great players MUST have. Magnificent peripheral vision.

Whether Augusto operates from the midfield or upfront, this colourful placid Peruvian has the ability to lay, possibly the best passes in the NSL.

A few weeks ago at the St George Stadium, Palacios single-handed, absolutely destroyed the star-studded Sydney Olympic whilst playing in the attack-line.

But it wasn't his attacking raids that caused the damage.

Firmly planting himself between Olympic's dual centre-backs, Palacios demanded balls to be knocked in to him, but at his feet.

Despite the tight marking lurking right behind him, denying this brilliant ball-magician space, Palacios stood with his back to goals, repeatedly spraying a vast supply of quality balls to his outside strikers, Hilton Phillips and Ray Juna.

With his back to the goals, Palacios continually stabbed wide balls, left and right, all with back-spin, BEHIND Phillips and Juna's respective fullbacks that were marking them.

That left Phillips and Juna with the simple task of running past their defenders WITHOUT possession and gaining the ball BEHIND their defender to clip in their crosses into the box.

So very, very simple.

Both flank-men couldn't believe their eyes or luck as time after time, Juna and Phillips ran onto these "velvet-smooth", beautifully timed, geometrically-measured passes without hinderance from defenders.

"Soccer is simple, so why shouldn't we play it simple?" Augusto grinned through his pearly white teeth that cracked across his very dark skinned face.

Always the happy-go-lucky South American, Augusto Palacios is a Soccer entertainer par-excellence.

And when it comes to dead-ball moves, look out.

Against St George, the Peruvian Palacios shattered the Saints at the Bruce Stadium when he set-up THREE Canberra City goals, ALL from dead-ball play.

Last Wednesday night, Canberra faced League-leaders Sydney Croatia at the Bruce Stadium. Theoretically, Canberra was facing a massacre.

Palacios said... "No Way."

At fulltime, the scoreboard flashed that Palacios had set-up Ian Gibson's goal, and then happily helped himself by knocking in another two in himself.

Augusto was in the Peruvian National team from 1970 to 1981

"I love Soccer. It is my whole life. When I die, I want a Soccer ball placed inside my coffin," the South American stressed

BORN: December 23, 1956.

BIRTHPLACE: Lima, Peru.

OCCUPATION: Fulltime professional footballer.

PLAYING POSITION: Midfield-striker.

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Zoila and together have a daughter Gabriella aged 10 and a son aged 7 known as Augusto Junior, (what else?).

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Like a globetrotter, Palacios has played all over South America, Austria, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Finland, and now Australia. The clubs he's been with are:

Alianza-Lima, Juan Aurich, Sporting Crystal, Deportivo Municipal, Sport Boys, Caroline Hill, K.T.P and Canberra City Olympians.

DISLIKES IN SOCCER: "Rough tackling that exists here. Long balls over the top and high uncontrollable crosses missing their mark.

"The game here is too fast and uncontrollable. It must be slowed down by leading players to enable counter attacks to be launched. Players must also be happy when they are playing as joy adds to self-expression."

ADVICE FOR PREPARING AUSTRALIA FOR THE 1990 WORLD CUP IN ROME: "Australia has good players but lack mentality and above all, imagination and technique. Physically they are good, but they must become fulltime pros to lift their performance.

"Referees here should also protect the skilled players which at present is not being done.

"Possession is vital. Players must concentrate more on it."

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken and Spaghetti.

FILM STARS: Charles Bronson and Lindsay Wagner.

OTHER SPORTS: Played basketball for the National team of Peru. Plays Indoor Soccer as well.

THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO: "There were many surprises. Stars like Zico and Platini missing penalties for example. Another surprise for me was that Brazil really only had two star players, Junior and Socrates, while Falcao and Zico sat on the bench.

"But the biggest surprise for me was that France didn't win it. They were ever-so unlucky in their last two World Cups. France was fabulous."

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE N.S.L. ADOPT TO IMPROVE SENIOR SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA?: "The NSL should have only 18 clubs. That is enough for Australia. The Australian referees are not fit enough and do not protect the skilled players.

"Further, Australian Soccer MUST go fulltime professional. The climate is good here with plenty of grassy pitches and you have some wealthy sponsors around willing to get involved in Soccer.

"Despite what the Press and general comment states, the Australian public likes Soccer very much. But the local product is NOT impressive and not attractive enough. It is impossible for the general spectator."

the inconvenient time-slots of the telecasts.

"However I did like the Belgium vs Russia match which showed positive football by both sides. The other teams did not really excite me that much although I must say that France was most impressive."

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE N.S.L. ADOPT TO IMPROVE SENIOR SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA?: "Far better administration and heaps of promotion. Both are badly needed to boost Soccer's image in Australia.

"Also the Junior scene also needs boosting with much encouragement for them to follow in the steps of the seniors.

"Press coverage as well has to be improved. By that I mean much more space devoted to Soccer and all political material wiped out.

"The constant changes of format in the NSL are doing immense harm to the League.

"In short, all areas and all levels of Soccer in Australia must be improved.

"It is just a thought, but Australia's top administrators should have another hard look at Summer Soccer.

"I think it is a definite solution from many aspects.

"The summer months provide far less competition for spectators with all other football codes in recess. Plus the climatic factor would be most appealing.

"But by Summer Soccer I mean NIGHT GAMES.

"Night football on a summer evening would be a spectacular attractions for the fans and could attract crowds from other winter codes to boost our gates."



PLATINI, Palacios was surprised that he missed a penalty

The English First Division Draw

ASW presents at right the English First Division draw for the 1986-87 season.

The League kicks off this upcoming weekend with the big matches being Arsenal hosting Manchester United at Highbury, double champions Liverpool are at Newcastle, Everton are at home to Nottingham Forest and will be looking to atone for being runners-up to their Merseyside rivals in both the Cup and League last season.

Already the neighbours have met. On the weekend they battled out the Charity Shield at Wembley and the match was drawn 1-1.

The Evertonians went ahead after 80 minutes but Liverpool's Italian bound striker, Ian Rush, as ever, was on hand to grab a goal and subsequently the equaliser for his side.

Everton were without six of last seasons regulars and the Reds missed three.

The Blues have not been able to replace Gary Lineker who moved to the Spanish giants Barcelona in the summer and he in fact has had a mixed start to the season over there. After scoring in the Barcelona trial games and looking as sharp as ever the English goalscorer broke a rib in the latest match and is in serious doubt for the opening of the season in Spain.

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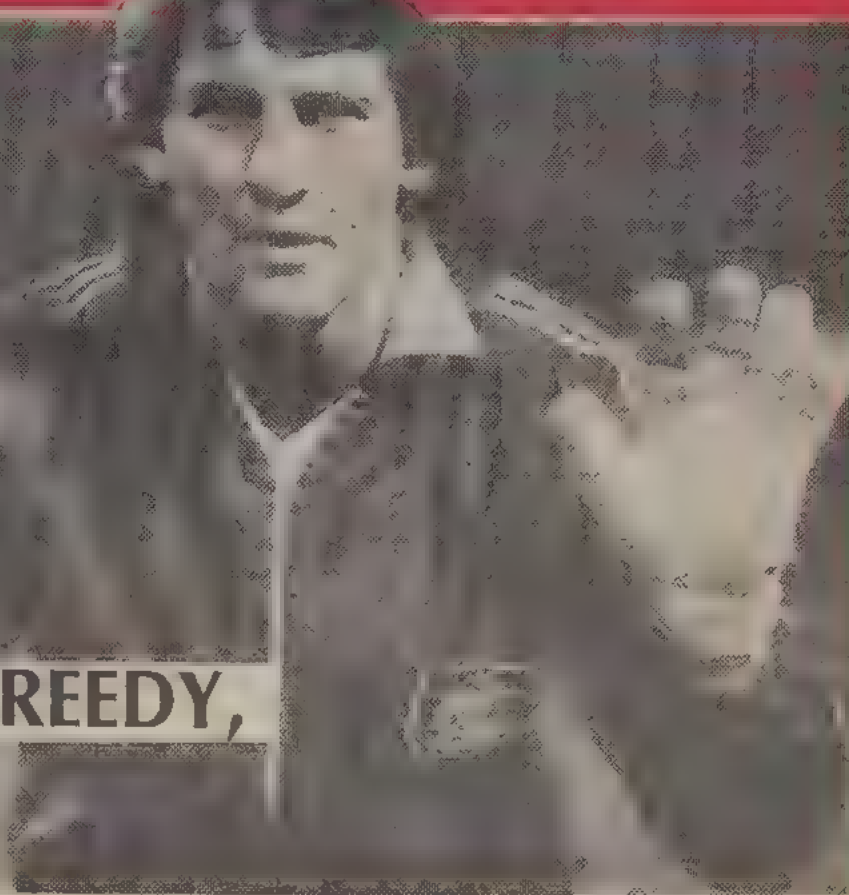
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CANBERRA AWAITS SYDNEY OLYMPIC ON SUNDAY

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS have the job in front of them next Sunday as they prepare for the arrival of Sydney Olympic for their clash at the Bruce Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Canberra almost had to face Olympic without three of their stars who were all sent off last Sunday by Sydney referee Terry Seacy in their away match against APIA.

But now this "Red Trifecta", (Peter Matzis, Johnny Mihailidis and Jimmy Cant), will miss tomorrow night's semi-final match in the Nanda Cup against Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide.

But it is expected that all three will be back on deck for Sunday's Sydney Olympic match.

Canberra's captain, right-midfielder Tommy Sermanni, together with Jimmy Hamilton and coach Steve Bryant, will have to harness Olympic's midfield quartet.

Last Sunday against Sydney City, Olympic who normally line-up with three in the mid-field, played with an unusual four linkmen.

Stuart Johnston, Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos and Vicente Estavillo were able to block the powerful thrust of Sydney City, leaving them in attack with only two strikers, Marshall Soper through the middle with Chris Kalantzis wide left.

Points are vital to Canberra but they do have the ability — as well as the tenacity — to pull off yet another upset result.

Last week the boys from the National Capital shocked the NSL world by tossing out League leaders, Sydney Croatia, 3-nil, again brilliantly schemed by Peruvian international, Augusto Palacios.

Palacios virtually on his own destroyed Sydney Olympic in the first round at the St George Stadium, when he repeatedly ripped the Olympic lines apart with magnificent defence-splitting balls to his flank-men.

Another obstacle facing the visitors, is the fabulous goalkeeping of Canberra's young Anthony Franken.

Franken's outstanding, consistent form between the timbers over the past three years, has lifted him to possibly being technically the very best goalkeeper in the country.

Sydney Olympic would be well advised not to take Canberra lightly.

ANTHONY FRANKEN, will be out to continue his magnificent form of this season against Sydney Olympic



JANUSZ Baran, so often disappointing, produced a glorious run which ended in Terry Butler poking the winner for APIA at 1-0 against Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium on Wednesday.

Typically Olympic kept pressing forward but they perished on the rocks of the APIA defence.

SEAN Ingham cut Wollongong to ribbons and Mark Jones netted twice at the end when Newcastle won out 4-1 at Wollongong Showground.

Wollongong could well have struck back with the score standing at 2-1 but in the long run any realistic chance of being in the 14 team league flew out.

CROATIA had to admit that surprise packet Canberra City had killed them off with this 3-0 victory in Canberra.

The Sydney Croatian side had no answer for the presence of mind of Augusto Palacios. Ian Gibson netted the first and Palacios found the net twice

north as Townsville for this month's camp."

ST GEORGE SOCCER CAMPS IN ACTION

NEARLY 100 young Soccer students are expected to attend the St George Soccer Camps during the August school holidays at the St George Stadium. Enrolments will close shortly.

The Camps will be held from Monday August 25th to Friday 29th with Soccer students from the ages of 6 to 16 eligible for enrolment.

Frank Arok, Australia's World Cup coach, will be chief instructor, assisted by Frank Lang, Saints' assistant coach of the NSL squad.

Former international player and St George skipper, George Harris, former Saints goalscoring wizard and Rothmans Medal Winner, Des Marton, together with regular NSL player

Peter Petkovski make up the panel of instructors at the St George Soccer Camps.

Camp Director, Steve Kaye, told ASW last night:

"St George Soccer Camps are very popular with all young players that attend.

"And this does not only apply to Sydney students that have attended our Camps.

"During the May Camps we had students from Albury and Newcastle, and this week I received an enrolment from as far

Every student enrolling for the St George Camps will receive a free T-Shirt and all young players have the opportunity to win one of three free scholarships for the next St George Soccer Camps to be staged in early 1987.

"We don't pretend to be able to turn young players into international Soccer stars in the one week. What we do though is introduce them to new skills which they can practice at home by themselves or take them back to their respective Junior coaches." Frank Arok said.

Enrolments should be made this week by contacting the St George Budapest Soccer Club on telephone 02-579 6977.

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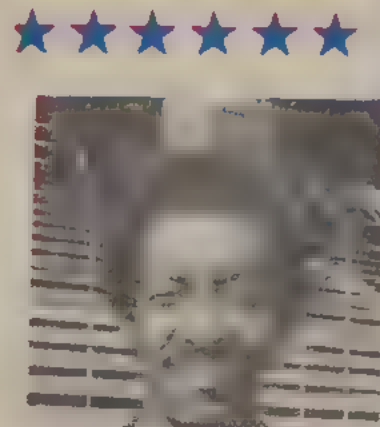
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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

A DISTINCTIVELY AUSTRALIAN STYLE OF FOOTBALL IS STILL DEVELOPING

IDEALISTS will tell you one of the major problems with Australian Soccer is that we don't have an Australian way of playing the game.

They argue we are influenced by coaches who attempt to put their concept of the game into the Australian set-up.

They'll also tell you that copying other styles, unsuited to the Australian scene and the Australian temperament, result in poor imitations of other nations.

The British coaching influence in our game has come under criticism for this very reason.

But the British are not solely to blame.

Many will say that non-British coaches have been equally guilty of producing un-Australian styles of play.

The closest teams have come to playing what I regard as a truly

Australian style of play were Les Schell's Young Soccer-ooos in the 1981 World Youth Championships held here in Australia and the senior Soccer-ooos of last year particularly in the Israeli matches, the New Zealand game in Sydney and the Scotland game in Melbourne.

The quest for an Australian style throughout our entire football set up is far from over. In this regard I reproduce a letter I received from former well known and respected coach George Azzopardi...

George writes: I am sending you the attached article on Soccer which I wrote with the hope of it being published.

As you know there is a lot to talk about Soccer — particularly Australian Soccer.

Although not taking part in the game, I have listened to radio and TV commentators with great interest.

I think in conclusion

that we should be honest and constructive in our criticism, rather than being too nationalistic,

if really the game is to be improved.

— GEORGE AZZOPARDI

THE SOCCER FUTURE FOR AUSTRALIAN BOYS

FOR the purposes of the following article, I humbly feel I should state some of my credentials. I played Soccer at international level, I coached First Division Soccer in Australia for 12 years in succession.

Now that the World Soccer competition is over, what are the lessons to be drawn for our Australian boys? Can our boys adopt the methods, or systems, which were adopted by all or any of the competing nations in the recent World Cup competition?

In Soccer, many methods and systems of play are discussed and we usually end up with many conflicting ideas.

Generally however, we follow examples of other nations, and I suspect we will go on following, at least in the near future, what we perceive to be the exam-

ple of the methods and systems played by the teams in the recent World Cup.

Basically it is said that the main system being played is the "zone" system.

This system does not exist. It is merely an invention of coaches, trainers and alleged experts in the game; yet we in Australia are trying to copy what other nations are doing, and we too are playing what is called the "zone" system.

The man to man marking has been defined as "old", and an enemy of the true spirit of Soccer which consists of the ability to self-manoeuvre in attack, and obstruct and destroy another's manoeuvres in defence. Close marking of the forward line has been condemned by most.

ZONAL SOCCER

What is really meant by "zone"? Zone would be the assignment of a certain area of the field to A and B, who await the incursions of C

and D.

What happens however is that one who waits in the "zone" is easily beaten by a player of dribbling ability. This "zone" system, is without any fixed marking.

We have seen various systems, the extra man, the man to man marking, the deep lying centre forward, the 3-3-4, the 4-3-3 etc. etc., all inventions.

The truth is that we should be playing Soccer. Soccer is a sport played as a team, and is the least precise in the world, but rich in creation, skill and mobility.

I wonder if we are doing the right thing in trying to make our boys play these so called methods and systems.

We are copying from other nations, and we are trying to inculcate the ethos of others into our boys.

TEMPERAMENT

The Australian lad is not a naturally born Soccer player; and we have

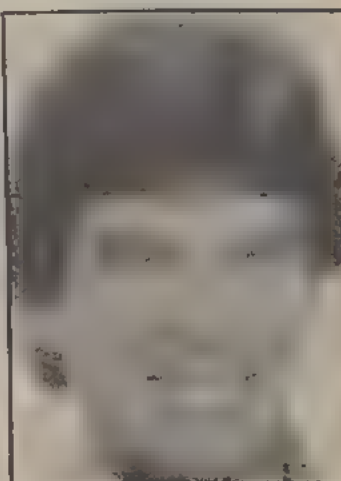
failed to give him the kind of style suited to his character and temperament.

In all my experience, great results were achieved by teaching our boys to do exactly what suits them and not to imitate; to reach them and let them play Soccer according to a style which follows easily in them, and is suitable to their ability, stamina and fighting spirit which are their great characteristics.

That style which involves simplicity and effectiveness, will be known to the old timers who are still around the traps and who remember me.

A letter such as this does not lend itself to an explanation of the system suitable to our boys.

I would simply suggest to Soccer coaches and administrators of today, that they stop eating lotus leaves, look to the long term, look to our boys, be humble, be honest, look to your own backyard.



JOHNNY WARREN says 1981 and 1985 were Australia's high points

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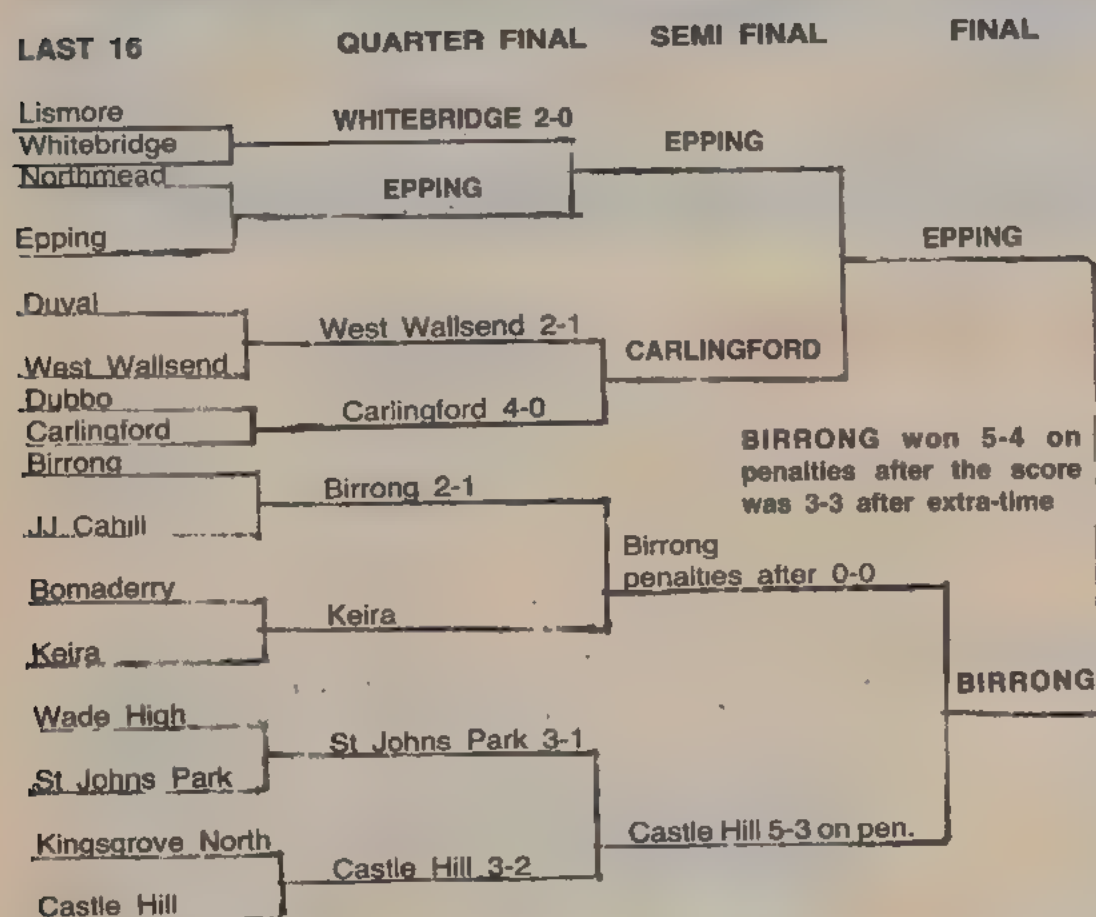
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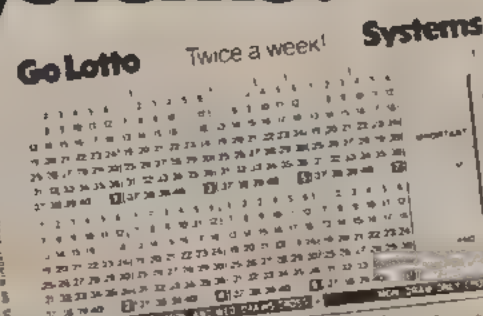
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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

"WYNNUM CAN WIN" — TONY LOWNDES

DESPITE being five points adrift at the bottom of Queensland's XXXX League table — and just four rounds to go — Wynnum coach Tony Lowndes believes his team can escape relegation.

"If we can win the last four, we can do it," a confident Lowndes said after his side had beaten Taringa 1-0 to record only their third win this season.

Wynnum's remaining games are against Ipswich, Lions, Grange Thistle and Easts.

Ipswich and Easts are in the top half of the table, but both are on a slide, while Lions and Grange Thistle are the teams immediately above Wynnum on the league ladder.

While they have been cemented in last place all year, luck has not gone with Wynnum and seven of their 11 losses have been by just one goal.

"It's the same old story. When you are on the bottom the ball never bounces your way. But against Taringa things started to go right and it's only a matter of believing in ourselves and I think we can perform the houdini act of the year," Lowndes said.

The former Brisbane City coach has done well to achieve three wins with the side of youngsters he has at Maramba Stadium. And last week Lowndes introduced 14-year-old stopper Craig Larnach.

Larnach, who does not turn 15 until next February, is believed to be the youngster player ever to appear in the QSF's top division.

"He plays beyond his years. He's a great prospect for the future," Lowndes said.

Although Lowndes prediction of escaping relegation might only prove to be a pipe dream, all is not necessarily lost for the Wolves.

With Brisbane City and Lions set to return to the competition next year there could be a reshuffle of the divisions

and Wynnum may be reinstated if they fill the lone relegation spot.

In beating Redlands in the Herald Cup, Wynnum showed that, while perhaps not up to the class of the leading XXXX League sides, they are a step above most in the intermediate league.

Ampol Cup finalists Coalstars should move a step closer to the premiership when they visit Taringa this weekend. The Bundamba side holds a three point lead at the top of the table, but Taringa have been formidable opponents at home this year.

Fellow Cup finalists last week, North Star meet old rivals Lions this week and will need a win to keep the pressure on Coalstars.

But the clash of the round could be that between Easts and Olympic United. Olympic have quietly moved into third position. While Easts have slipped from joint leaders to fifth place. The Tigers, who have lost the last four are on a real slide and it will take all of coach John Sime's efforts to get them back on the track.

In other matches this weekend, arch rivals Mount Gravatt and Grange Thistle meet and Ipswich host Wynnum.

OGDEN AND HINDES FACE SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE

IN a strange injury twist, two players in Brisbane have been affected by serious eye complaints.

Brisbane Lions and Queensland midfielder John Ogden nearly lost the sight of an eye due to an inflammation of the iris while Wynnum defender Darren Hindes was sidelined with a ruptured retina.

And doctors have linked the serious injuries to football.

Ogden was told that his eye complaint was a result of letting himself get run down through over exertion when affected by flu. The blockage behind his eye, which reduced his sight by more than 50 per cent, was his body's way of reacting.

Hindes injured his eye during a clash between

his club and Bayside Rivals Redlands. The game was for the annual Wynnum Herald Shield, which Wynnum won 2-1.

Both players sought treatment in the nick of time and are now under medication.

Ogden's case was particularly inspiring. Despite the limited vision he still played a leading role in the NSL against Brisbane City, which Lions won 1-0.

"It was like looking through a piece of smoked glass. I could often see that there was a player coming but at times I wasn't sure if it was one us or them," he said.

That though didn't affect his form and on more than one occasion the skilful midfielder broke down the left and made a fine cross on "his blind side".



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EVERYBODY WELCOME

'HOPE SPRINGETH ETERNAL' IS RUSSELL STEWART'S MOTTO

QUEENSLAND's Socceroo hopeful Russell Stewart has returned to Brisbane disillusioned with the national team set-up but still determined to win his first cap.

Stewart, 22, joined Sydney Olympic's Tony Dakos as the only out-field players in Frank Arok's 24-man squad who did not gain a run at any time during the three match series against Czechoslovakia.

The Lions midfielder had hoped to become the first home-based Queensland since 1983 to gain a start in a Socceroos side. And although the former young Socceroo was trialled in the vacant right back place in two pre-series training camps, he was not given a chance against the Europeans.

"I am disillusioned. It all seemed a waste of time. I went down there to play and spent most of my time in hotel rooms," Stewart said on his return.

"I want to play for Australia at full level and all I ask is that I am given a chance. I know I will give everything I have got once I am on the park."

While Stewart was eager to try out as an attacking right-back, Arok went for Angie Postecoglou in Melbourne, and the already tried Ian Gray and Zarko Odzakovic in Adelaide and Sydney respectively.

Arok admitted to Stewart on the Friday before the final match against the Czechs: "I should have played you on Wednesday night (in Adelaide)."

Once Stewart heard that he knew he was no chance of gaining a run in Sydney and supported a request by his club, Lions, that he be released for the derby

against Brisbane City on the same day.

"I just wanted to get back to Brisbane so I could get a game," Stewart said.

Stewart said that his only consolation was, as he was getting in a taxi to go to the airport,

assistant coach Eddie Thomson came to see him.

"He told me not to think I was finished. He said I would get my chance sometime in the future, I only hope he's right," Stewart said.



RUSSELL STEWART ... still hoping.

JOB FORCES ALAN REIS TO QUIT BRISBANE CITY

BRISBANE CITY striker Alan Reis is returning to Canberra.

The 23-year-old, who came to Brisbane two years ago, has had a job transfer back to the national capital.

The Hong Kong-born striker will move south this week and although a two-week suspension expired last Sunday, he is unlikely to play again this season.

"I have left myself available for City's away matches in Melbourne, but I would understand it if coach Billy Wilkinson wants to give some of the younger players more matches for experience," Reis said.

Reis has had a chequered career since joining with Brisbane City, he had a fine year last season, forcing his way into the Queensland team which played New South Wales at Perry Park.

But his form fell away, along with that of his team-mates, this season, and he missed a

number of matches.

In two years in Brisbane, Reis scored eight league and cup goals, seven of those were last year.

Once settled in Canberra, Reis said he was considering seeking permission to train with Canberra City to keep fit in case of an emergency call-up in the remaining few NSL rounds.

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ALAN NIVEN

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

MANLY TOPPLED AS TEAMS JOSTLE

KU-RING-GAI sent frontrunners Manly-Warringah crashing from the top of the NSW State League ladder when they recorded a surprise 1-0 victory in the match of the round at Parklands Oval.

The victory avenged Manly's first round 1-0 win and inflicted on the visitors their first loss since the sixth match of the first round, relegating them to second place.

The match was hard and fast from the start, with both sets of defences keeping scoring opportunities to a minimum.

Ku-ring-gai made good use of the long ball to nullify the Manly midfield and in the 67th minute, this tactic brought the winning goal.

A long ball out of defence found Mark Nile on the right flank. He took the ball to the corner and crossed to the far post and Nigel Groome was untroubled to head it home from three metres.

Nile and Terry Bertram stood out for the locals while John Dick, Fraser Robin and Robbie Stuart played well for Manly.

BY STEVE SHELTON

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, van Egmond (Etherington 68th min), Dick, Robin, Marshall, Campbell, Dean, Allan, McIntosh, Stuart.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson, Nile (Ferguson 81 min) Bass, Quigley.

W'GAH F'WATER 1
URUGUAYAN
AUBURN 2

URUGUAYAN Auburn eased its relegation worries with a determined 2-1 victory over Warringah Freshwater at Narrabeen Fitness Centre.

The match was characterised by rough-house tactics as both teams fought desperately for the crucial relegation-saving points.

Midfielder Fernando Mosquera opened the scoring for the visitors in the seventh minute after good lead-up work by

John van Helden and surged further ahead 10 minutes later when Brett Woods crashed a 30-metre drive into the back of the net.

While Auburn dominated the first half, Warringah came back strongly after the break and it came as little surprise when in the 60th minute, Alex Bottalico pulled a goal back for the locals when his 30 metre free kick ricocheted off the wall and past the despairing keeper, Carlos Rossano.

Alvaro Perdomo was Auburn's best player while Jim and Alex Bottalico played well for Warringah.

WARRINGAH: Smith, Watt, Duckling, J. Bottalico, Casacchia, Tkachuk, A. Bottalico, Driene (Blackier 70min), Corrigan, Burke, Sterrey.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods (Piriz 85min), Hastie, Mosquera, Perdomo, van Helden, Calcaterra, Jenc, Carizzo (Vecchiet 77min).

W'GONG MAC 2
PENRITH 1

WOLLONGONG enhanced its semi-final hopes with a slick 2-1 win over giant-killers Penrith in an entertaining match at Berkeley Sports Ground.

The locals began brightly and peppered the Penrith goal for 30 minutes before Barry Robinson broke the deadlock with an 18 metre drive.

Wollongong surged further ahead seven minutes after the break when John Bingham finished off a sparkling attacking move from close range.

The game changed complexion when Ian Hunter came on as a substitute in the 65th minute and only 10 minutes later he put Penrith back in the match with a fine goal.

Penrith pushed hard for the qualiser in the closing minutes but was given little freedom by



RAY FARRUGIA

the Wollongong defence.

Bingham and Anthony Welbourn were outstanding for Wollongong while Quarmby, Gary Hatton and Hunter played well for Penrith.

WOLLONGONG: G. Robinson, Muzik, Ruskin, Talevski, Sweeney, Welbourne, Sattin, Bingham, King, B. Robinson, Giraldo.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Campbell, Hebb, Shaw, Jamieson, Thomson, Cross, Quarmby, Martinez (Hunter 65min) McLeod.

AVALA 2
SUTHERLAND 2

TWO goals in the last three minutes by Sutherland denied

Avala a richly-deserved win at Knight Park.

Avala almost went ahead after 20 minutes when a shot by Tommy Radak was controversially ruled by the referee to have fallen short of the line and the home team had to settle for a scoreless first half.

However, Avala pulled ahead in the 60th minute when Radovan Filipovic rounded three players on the left flank before tapping the ball in.

Radak finally got his name on the scoresheet 15 minutes later when he walked the ball past

two Sutherland defenders and a home victory looked certain.

But in the last 10 minutes, Sutherland staged a late revival and goals by Steve Meades in the 87th minute and Greg Lerond in the 90th minute salvaged and precious draw for the visitors.

Filipovic, Glen Jeffries and Milan Blagojevic were Avala's best players while Ian Burrows and Craig Burchmore stood out for Sutherland.

AVALA: Thurlow, Blackburn, Divani, Brown, Steven, Blazic, Blagojevic, Jeffries, Radak, Filipovic, Marins.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Cashman, Lerond, Terry, Burrows, Parsons, Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Hill.

FAIRY MEADOW 0
MELITA 4

MELITA edged its way to the top of the League table with an easy 4-0 win over Fairy Meadow at Corrim Memorial Park.

While the win put a further nail in the home side's coffin, they still gave Melita a few headaches and caved in late in the match.

Melita played poorly in the first half and almost went behind when Fairy Meadow's Paul Kirwan blasted a shot against the post in only the second minute of the match.

But the second half was a different story.

Melita snapped up its first goal 40 seconds after the break through

Paul McFadden and added a second five minutes later when Ray Farrugia laid the ball on for full-back Craig Williams, who crashed it home from 30 metres for his first goal of the season.

Fairy Meadow nearly narrowed the margin in the 58th minute when Kirwan hit the post again — this time from the penalty spot — but had any hopes of a shock result shattered when Farrugia found the net in the 62nd minute.

The goal of the match came in the 75th minute when a cross by Jim Meerbani was dummied by Farrugia and rolled to Wayne Farnsworth, whose powerdrive scraped the underside of the bar.

Farrugia and the luckless Kirwan were the best players from either side.

MELITA: Pupovac, McCoy, Williams, Wilson, Gregson, Callanan, Farrugia, Farnsworth, McFadden, Foxman, Dalton (Meerbani).

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic, Maguire, Burleigh, Douglas, Berlinger, Dummett, Richardson (Carlo 45min) Baker, Marjanovic, Kerr, Kirwan.

POLONIA 1
ROCKDALE 2

ROCKDALE Ilinden bounced back into form with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Polonia at Chopin Park.

The game was played at a frantic pace with numerous chances falling to both teams and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

Rockdale scored first after only two minutes when Paul Darlington tapped in a cross by Jim Ristevski.

Polonia levelled the score 12 minutes later when a free kick by Henry Sobczyk found George Drys just outside the box and the midfielder smashed a scorching drive into the back of the net.

However, in the 71st minute free-kick specialist, Zlatko Nastevski, slammed a low free kick inside the left post to notch his 14th goal of the season and snatch the points for the visitors.

Vlado Fortevski and Vince Nastoski were outstanding for Rockdale while Drys and Allan Robertson were in excellent form for Polonia.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chan, Robertson, Kulwicki, Pratt, Sobczyk, Geekie, Drys, Janic, Pop, Drac.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson, Rodas, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Totlevski (Degney 63rd min), Darlington (Jones 22nd min), Nastoski, Nastevski, Genovese, Ristevski.

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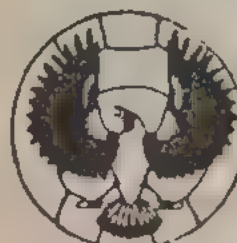
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The State League Story



ROBBIE McKEGAN GOES SWIMMINGLY

INJURY-prone Robbie McKegan is relying on a swimming programme to lift him out of the situation in which too often he has been missing matches.

Edinburgh-born, McKegan joined State League club Ku-ring-gai as a 24-year-old after playing for a while with Sydney Olympic and Sydney City.

The most recent problem and one which has been with him these last few years, at Ku-ring-gai has been a nagging groin strain, which has never had time to fully recover, due mainly to his keenness to get back in action.

Now, after consulting several specialists, Robbie has adopted a swimming programme which seems to be doing the trick.

In recent weeks he has been performing nearer his best and coach Denis Ford is full of praise for the attitude he has shown in overcoming difficulties which would have caused many players to pack up their boots.

Denis admits that it is a luxury having McKegan around in second grade, when he

is really a first grade player.

When called upon he has never let the side down, but until just recently he could never sustain fitness long enough to command a team place. That could all change should any regular member of the side create an opening due to injury or a poor performance, but Robbie's admirable patience meanwhile will see him do his best in whatever role he is asked to take.

Robbie's parents came out to Australia in 1977 and although they have since returned to Scotland, he stayed on to pursue a Soccer career and to begin a job as a fashion designer and cutter.

Now managing a unisex fashion shop in the Mid-City Centre, Robbie did try his luck in 1984 with his old home town club Hibernian and was offered a trial.

He was sorely tempted, but liked Sydney too much to take the risk in the face of strong local competition.

In his early Sydney days, McKegan was with Sydney City, but he broke his ankle. He was later released and joined Olympic where Ljubo Goykovic took him under his wing and converted him to a sweeper.

Goykovic swears to this day that is his best position, but having scored plenty of goals for Sydney City, Robbie is happy to be thought of as a utility player.

He linked up with Ku-ring-gai as a defender, but has never really played at the back, as his skills in front of goal was evident from the outset.

SHIRE'S SUDDEN RISE

SUTHERLAND Shire has made a great rise up the NSW State League table.

Some clubs talk about youth policies and others do something about it.

Every cent has to be earned the hard way at Sutherland.

Sound youth policy has always been part of their scene.

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Look at the situation that the club has faced this season — and battled through.

The retirements from last year were Mitch Hesford, Keith Schumann and Peter Beggs.

Jimmy Webb is out for the year and Brian Gray returned to England.

Craig Rogers also retired for family reasons.

Paul Dart went to Rockdale Ilinden and Nigel Groome to Ku-ring-gai.

Add to that sweeper Vic Dal Forno has been out for 10 weeks and Craig Hall can't play and faces removal of two certilages.

The club has made a great recover to be well up the table — certainly against the odds.

YOUNG 'ROOS TASSIE VIEW

THANKS to captain, Kurt Reynolds, the Young Socceroos made a good start by building up from the defence in the match against the reinforced Czechoslovakia Youth team in Hobart.

The Czechs were a little more daring and caused some early jitters as balls skimmed across the goalmouth.

Australia went ahead in the 23rd minute when a long crossfield ball found Jason van Blerk, who forced his way

COACH JOHN BINGHAM HELPS THE GROWTH OF WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA THE JOHN BINGHAM STORY AT WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA



John Bingham shields the ball playfully in a NSW State League match at Berkeley Sports Ground.

Played for Macedonia in 1980 under coach Mike Johnson. Wollongong Macedonia won the 1980 Grand Final (NSW 2nd Div).

Returned to Wollongong Macedonia as player-coach in the 1984 NSW 2nd Division. Finished second but won the Grand Final yet again, but missed out on promotion.

Re-signed as player-coach for the 1985 2nd Division. The team won promotion under his excellent coaching and discipline techniques. He was the driving force in the club's success.

Re-signed as player-coach for the club's debut in the 1986 State League. Had some sections of the media suprised with the excellent start in this very tight competition.

through a crowded penalty area to blast a shot into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

Shortly before half-time Northam gave a free-kick away and the quickly-taken ball was played through for Halas. His shot from 18m hit the post and rebounded across the face of the goal for a corner.

Seconds later, Halas was again on hand as a ball was played through to him but, with only Bohoutsos to beat, he blazed wide.

Five minutes after the interval the Czechs were saved as a goalward header was cleared off the line by Skarabella.

Edwards and van Blerk were finding pen-

ty of room on the left and they combined well to overlap and then play a ball across for Ollerenshaw.

Although the Czechs tried to play themselves into the game, it was to no avail. Australia struck again in the 40th minute as substitute Koch mishit a shot. Ollerenshaw pounced on the chance to snap-shot it past a diving Ondruska.

Van Blerk, having a tremendous game for Australia, blitzed the Czechs again with one of his devastating runs and whipped the ball across for Hristodoulou to volley a precision drive into the net for the third goal.

"I'm very pleased

with the win," said Australian coach Les Scheinflug.

"Czechoslovakia had a very skilfull, a very tall team, a very experienced side but we got the goals at the right time.

"I thought we played some very good Soccer on a pitch that was a little bit bumpy."

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SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Canterbury & Dist	vs Campbelltown	Blick Oval
Kingsford Hellenic	vs Gladesville	Kensington Oval
Dee Why Swans	vs SSC Yugal	Dee Why Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Bondi Marine	vs Rooty Hill	Waverley Oval
Moorebank	vs West United	Hammondville Oval
Uni of NSW	vs Granville Chile	Little Bay Oval
King Tomislav	vs Port Hacking	Croatian S/C

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Wollongong Mac	Melita Stadium
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Fairy Meadow	Mona Pk
Manly Warringah	vs Warringah F/Water	Cromer Park
Ku-ring-gai	vs Sutherland	Parklands Oval
Rockdale	vs Avala	Hurstville Oval
Penrith City	vs Polonia	Cook Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Bankstown Lebanon	vs Nth Bankstown	Jensen Oval
Bathurst '75	vs Queens Park	Proctor Pk
Artarmon	vs Blacktown United	Artarmon Res

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Campbelltown	vs King Tomislav	Bensley Road S/G
Mt Druitt	vs Port Hacking	Popondetta Pk
Nth Ryde RSL	vs Baulkham Hill	Magdala Pk



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RIVERINA FINAL

OAK BILL TURNER CUP 1986

THIS match was played on a rain-soaked pitch on a cold day at North Albury.

From the beginning, the match was dominated by North Albury, who scored early against a disorganised Wade High team, who gradually improved their teamwork as the match progressed, sufficiently well to equalise just before half time.

The second half began in a similar manner to the first, with Albury dominating play and scoring half way through the period to take a 2-1 lead. With less than ten minute remaining, Wade equalised with a move by the centre-forward, Jared Walker.

The periods of extra-time were dominated by a much more fluent Wade High team, which scored in each period to bring a result of 4-2 to Wade. Both extra-time goals were scored by Walker, who produced his second hat-trick of the competition.

Wade 4 d Albury North 2 after extra time.

FINAL SIXTEEN

Far North Coast: Lismore 3
Lower North Coast: Orara 1
Newcastle-Hunter: Cardiff 2
Newcastle-Hunter: West Wallsend 1
North-West: Tamworth 1
Newcastle-Hunter: Whitebridge 3
Central Coast: Umina 2
Sydney: Balgowlah 1
Sydney: Holy Cross, Ryde 0

Sydney: St Dominics Penrith 1
Sydney: Patrician Bros. Fairfield 0
Sydney: Canterbury Boys 1
Sydney: J.J. Cahill, Mascot 2
South Coast: Warrawong 1
ACT Riverina: Wade, Griffiths 1
Western: Kelso, Bathurst 2

Lismore 0
Cardiff 3
Whitebridge
Umina
St Dominics 1-2p
Penrith
Canterbury Boys' 1-4p
Canterbury Boys 1-4p
J.J. Cahill Mascot
Kelso Bathurst

MATCHES IN QUEST FOR OAK TURNER CUP

WHITEBRIDGE TOO STRONG

WHITEBRIDGE proved too strong for the gallant Tamworth side in a

match played in the Folk Capital of Australia.

The journey to the North West did not appear to upset the Newcastle side and they quickly placed their stamp of authority on the game.

Brett Eldridge caused Tamworth a lot of trouble before Shayne Williams opened the scoring. As usual Jim Magnasalis played well and on occasions tore the locals' defence to shreds

before he too added his name to the score sheet.

Tamworth fought back and there was a glimmer of hope when Adam Hopper went close a couple of times. However, it was Whitebridges' Dean Scott who picked up the third goal.

Near the end of play, Dean Beijes and Nigel Taylor combined from a corner kick to give Adam Hopper a just reward as he easily slotted the ball out of the goalkeeper's reach.

Whitebridge 3 (Shayne Williams, Jim Magnasalis, Dean Scott) d Tamworth High 1 (Adam Hopper).

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MACARTHUR 16S FOR NEW ZEALAND TOUR

THE Macarthur Association under 16 representative team, which has had a fine record in the NSW Youth League this year, will tour New Zealand from August 22/September 7.

They will play against Kiwi under 17 teams, as their age groups are de-

termined on August 1 rather than January 1 as in Australia.

Macarthur will run up against strong representative teams from Auckland, Hamilton, Lower Hutt, Nelson and Christchurch.

They have a good background, having been runners up in NSW in 1984 and 1985.

Best of luck to coach Ian Miller and the group for a successful tour.

CENTRAL COAST U15 IN NSW YOUTH LEAGUE



CONGRATULATIONS to the Central Coast under 15 representative team — the first from this powerful Soccer centre to make its way into the NSW Youth League finals.

The team had a 2-0 win against Canterbury, which again indicated the standards reached under the coach, former Newcastle player Allan Moyle.

Manager Frank Neilson also pointed to the good season enjoyed by the Central Coast under 14 team, who came equal fourth in their division but missed out on goal difference.

The home ground for the Central Coast teams in the NSW Youth League is Fagans Park at Point Clare, very handy to Gosford.

The players are:

BACK ROW L-R: Robble Whyte, John Loo, Danny Griffith, David Dowden, Darren Forster, Alan Moyle (coach), Michael Cowan, Dick Fogwell, Michael Moyle, Jason Gribble.

FRONT L-R: Frank Neilson (manager), Glen Kemister John McGarvey, Connel Field (capt), Grant Neilson, Luca Salvador, Noel Gribble (Strapper). ABSENT: Simon Blake, Matthew Brien.

WADE EDGES CANBERRA IN ACT-RIVERINA FINAL

CANBERRA HIGH, proved to be a bigger and faster team than Wade, and they took advantage of their size and speed, particularly in the early stages at Yoogali Oval where a series of good crosses from centre-forward to left-wing allowed the winger to use his superior speed to make numerous attacks.

Most of these were foiled by good play from the Wade defence, but after 15 minutes the pressure began to tell and Canberra went to a 1-0 lead, when the winger finally completed a cross to the oncoming centre forward.

Most of Wades' attacks came in sporadic forays from the right wing and centre-forward, who frequently fell victim to an effective offside play. With minutes remaining an earlier lofted pass from the centre-half freed the centre-forward leaving Canberra appealing for off-side, and the Wade attack with only the keeper to beat.

Wade equalised when Jared Walker dribbled the ball past the keeper into the net.

The second half was marred by frequent

appeals to the referee, who was forced to enforce the rules "by the book" resulting in a much slower period of play, which suited Wade's better ball skills and went against Canberra's faster style.

This continued into the two periods of extra time, with no addition to the score, which remained at 1-1.

In the penalty play, the Wade keeper saved

the first and Canberra's keeper saved the last of the five compulsory penalties, producing a 5-5 score. The next penalty was saved by Paul Apolloni for Wade, and Wade scored from theirs to produce a 6-5 win.

Wade 1-6 pen d Canberra 1-5 pen. Referee Mr Bob Peters.

MARCONI JUNIOR SOCCER

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Queensland

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EXCITEMENT FOR NATIONAL U16S

THE U/16 National championships will be held at Valentine Park, Parklea from Monday September 1 to Friday September 5.

Teams from all states will be competing in a two league format, playing each team in the group from Monday to Wednesday then semi-finals Thursday and the finals on the Friday September 5.

This is the cream of Australian Youth at this level and there is sure to be some exciting talent on show.

The NSW squad for the championships has now been finalised and was made difficult by the keen competition shown throughout the trials.

The squad is: John Filan (Gladesville), Scott Bowen (Nepean), Louis

BY ALAN VEST

Triantafyllou (Sydney Olympic), Zoran Naumovski (St George), Jeff Allport (Wollongong), Steve Georgakis (Sydney Olympic), John Gibson (Sydney Olympic), Eric Hrist (Sydney Olympic), Darren Sullivan (Melita Eagles), Steve Dimoudis (St George), Steve Refines (Sydney Olympic), Guiseppe Russo (Marconi), Paul Welch (Blacktown City), Paul Guizkamp (Sydney Olympic), Jason Higgs (Illawarra) and Darren Pitcock (St George).

OAK TURNER CUP FINALS HELD AT SPEERS POINT TONIGHT & TOMORROW

THE plans and organisation for this years OAK-Bill Turner Cup semi-finals and final were a mixture of preparedness and urgency. Thanks to a very efficient and energetic committee at Lake Macquarie City Soccer Club the ground will be in great shape for the final series to be held tonight (Tuesday) and tomorrow night.

The ground, located at Speers Point on the far north-west tip of beautiful Lake Macquarie, was used for the Czechoslovakian match and later will host the Northern NSW State First and Second Division Grand Finals on September 21.

Pennants have been

screened and magnificent "Certificates of Achievement" have been prepared.

The Marketing Manager for the Oak Dairy Company, Mr Ray Stamford, has been instrumental in having the certificates printed.

Having stood proudly in the showcase of Canberra High School for the past twelve months, the Bill Turner Cup has been parcelled up and sent to the Senior Coordinator Terry Hampton, who is the Relieving Deputy Principal at Wallsend High. He is sure to have it in spic and span condition for the big final.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr Stephen Treloar, top grade match balls have been supplied for the games.

Considerable interest

is being shown in the appointment of referees for the matches, not the least being the final but there is little doubt that the appointments will be men of high quality.

An added attraction to the evening of the final will be the inclusion again of the Rudi Roth Girls' final between Warners Bay and Gateshead. Last year these same two schools played a thriller and there is every indication that this year's match will be the same.

The matter of urgency arose because while Canterbury Boys' High and Cardiff High are through to the semi-finals the decision on the other two semi-finalists was held up due to the adverse weather.

J.J. Cahill High of Mascot and Kelso High from the Bathurst area

met after three inches of water had flooded the Bathurst pitch on the first occasion that the game was to have been played.

Likewise Whitebridge (Newcastle) and Umina (Central Coast) had to be re-scheduled.

Naturally this has made promoting the final series quite difficult. Hunter co-ordinator Dudley Lewis will be flat out preparing the printed programme.

Mr Alan Taylor, a leading officer from the Oak Company has assured the co-ordinators that a plentiful supply of their products will be on hand to provide refreshments for all teams.

Schools officials, representatives from OAK, local dignitaries, media persons and directors from the Northern NSW Soccer Federation will be in attendance.

It all points to a great final series of the 1986 OAK-Bill Turner Cup competition.

KOORINGAL IN EXTRA TIME

AT Rawlings Park Wagga Wagga, Albury North went to the lead in the third minute of their Riverina semi-final when striker Stephen McDowell scored during a mix-up in the goal area.

However Koorungal was quick to reply one minute later when left winger Anthony Gardiner deftly out-smarted the defenders.

Both sides had periods of dominance during the first half and with one minute to go before half-time Damien Ruitenburg skipped away from a Koorungal attack to put his side one up almost against the run of play.

Albury North put their opposition under strong pressure for the next twenty minutes but Koorungal scored from the spot. Anthony Gardiner converted the penalty kick.

The game swing in the Koorungal's favour except on the score sheet and the teams went into extra-time locked together, two-all.

With barely one minute left, young McDowell put the Border boys into the area final.

Albury North 3 (Stephen McDowell 2 Damien Ruitenburg) d Koorungal 2 (Anthony Gardiner 2). Referee Mr Neal Endacott.



More action in Gladesville-Hornsby as Meadowbank United (light shirts) takes on an opponent. The game was played at Eastwood Oval, which could be used as the senior ground if a hessian enclosure could be obtained again.

OAK BILL TURNER CUP

At Macquarie Field, Speers Point

Tuesday August 19 6pm

1st Semi-Final

Canterbury Boys' High v JJ Cahill Memorial High — Mascot 7.30pm

2nd Semi-Final

Cardiff High v Whitebridge High

Wednesday August 20 — 5.15pm

Play-Off for third place between beaten semi-finalists.

6.30pm Rudi Roth Trophy Hunter Region Girls' K.O. Final

Warners Bay High v Gateshead High

7.45pm OAK BILL TURNER CUP FINAL

Presentations will be made at end of each game.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINAL SERIES

SAT AUGUST 9

U12

Marconi 0 South Dists 3, South Dists 3 Blacktown 2, Marconi 0 Granville 2, Croatia 1 St George 0, Illawarra 1 Bankstown 0.

U14

Marconi 3 Ku-ring-gai 0, Croatia 1 Blacktown 0, Sydney City 0 Granville 0, Sydney City 3 Granville 0, Syd Olympic 2, Southern Dists 1.

U15

Melita 1 Blacktown City 0, Croatia 0 APIA 3, Sutherland 0 Rockdale 1, Syd Olympic 3 Central Coast 1.

U16

St George 1 Southern Dists 0, Syd Olympic 1 St George 3, Marconi 3 Canterbury-Marr 1, Macarthur 3 Blacktown 1, Croatia 2 Nth Bankstown 0.

TUESDAY AUGUST 12/13

U13

Southern Dists 2 Croatia 1, Granville 2 Illawarra 0.

U14

Marconi 3 Croatia 0, Syd City 4 Syd Olympic 0.

U15

Melita 3 APIA 1, Rockdale 0, Syd Olympic 6.

U16

St George 1 Marconi 6, Macarthur 1 Croatia 2.

SAT AUG 6
GRAND FINALS

U13

Southern Dists 1 Granville 0.

U14

Marconi 1 Sydney City 0.

U15

Melita 1 Syd Olympic 0.

U16

Marconi 3 Croatia 2.

PLAY-OFFS FOR 3RD PLACE

U13

Croatia 2 Illawarra 0.

U14

Croatia 0 Syd Olympic 2.

U15

Rockdale 1 APIA 3.

U16

Macarthur 3 St George 2.

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Results & Tables from Around Australia

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

ST GEORGE 2 (A Koczka, P Petkovski) BLACKTOWN 0 at St George Stadium.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 drew with SYDNEY CITY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5460.
LEICHHARDT 2 (A Bundalo, M Koussas) CANBERRA 1 (T Sermanni) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1205.
SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Z Odzakovic, M Kovacic, G Arnold) WOLLONGONG 1 (P Brodnik) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4672.
MONARO 1 (M Perinovic) CANTERBURY 0 at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 363.
NEWCASTLE 3 (R Maier, L Sterrey og B Naumov) MARCONI 2 (T Henderson, I Gray) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1850.

Deferred matches

ST GEORGE 2 (P Petkovski, G Fletcher) MARCONI 1 (R Brown) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 924.
LEICHHARDT 1 (T Bulter) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2821.
CANBERRA 3 (A Palacios 2, I Gibson) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1388.
NEWCASTLE 4 (J Jones 2, R Maier, J McQuarrie) WOLLONGONG 1 (P Brodnik) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1121.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (D Wright, D Richardson) ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (G Ward) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 419.
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (J Mullen, S Melia) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1950.
FOOTSCRAY 0 drew with GREEN GULLY 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1917.
HEIDELBERG 4 (D Brown 3, A Hunter) BRUNSWICK 1 (J Yzendoorn) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2600.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (J Campbell, Z Gegula, P Lewis) drew with PRESTON 3 (S Smith, G Cole, G Heys) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2482.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 drew with SUNSHINE 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.

Deferred matches

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (S Stevenson) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1500.
ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (S Atsalas, G Price) FOOTSCRAY 1 (V Vuksic) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 1923.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	11	3	4	33	16	25
Sydney Olympic	7	9	2	29	19	23
Sydney City	6	8	4	33	22	20
Marconi	7	6	5	30	21	20
Newcastle	7	6	5	31	28	20
St George	8	4	6	25	26	20
Leichhardt	6	6	6	18	20	18
Blacktown City	7	4	7	21	28	18
Wollongong	6	5	7	20	22	17
Canberra	4	6	8	20	22	14
Monaro	3	5	10	14	34	11
Canterbury	2	6	10	16	32	10

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	10	5	3	25	20	25
Brunswick	10	4	4	31	15	24
Heidelberg	8	7	3	33	21	23
Adelaide City	8	6	4	26	16	22
South Melbourne	8	5	5	23	14	21
Sunshine	6	9	3	21	15	21
Preston	5	8	5	21	19	18
Adelaide Hellas	6	3	9	19	25	15
Brisbane Lions	5	4	9	19	23	14
Melbourne Croatia	4	5	9	18	28	13
Green Gully	2	6	10	13	28	10
Brisbane City	2	6	10	15	40	10

TNT SKYPAK

THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

TNT SKYPAK STATE LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita	19	9	7	3	35	11	25
Manly	19	9	7	3	23	10	25
Ku-ring-gai	19	8	8	3	21	14	24
Sutherland	19	9	5	5	23	16	23
Rockdale	19	9	4	6	32	22	22
Wollongong	19	7	8	4	14	12	22
Auburn	19	5	9	5	16	19	19
Warringah	19	7	3	9	30	33	17
Polonia	19	5	6	8	22	36	16
Avala	19	5	5	9	19	30	15
Pennth City	19	6	2	11	27	43	14
Fairy Meadow	19	2	2	15	17	39	6

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Fairy Meadow v Melita Eagles	0-4	0-2	0-8
Warringah F/Water v Uruguayan Auburn	1-2	3-1	2-4
Ku-ring-gai v Manly Warringah	1-0	0-0	1-4
Avala v Sutherland	2-2	2-2	2-2
Polonia v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2	2-0	1-3
Wollongong Mac v Pennth City	2-1	2-1	1-3

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville Hornsby v Canterbury & Dist	4-0	4-0	CD for
Bankstown Lebanon v Queens Park	5-0	0-9	BL for
SSC Yugal v Bathurst '75	4-0	5-0	3-1
Campbelltown v Artarmon	3-1	0-0	Art for
Nth Bankstown v Kingsford Hellenic	2-0	0-3	0-1
Blacktown United v Dee Why	0-0	3-0	5-0

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Pork Hacking v Campbelltown	2-6	0-3	5-1
Baulkham Hills v Mt Druitt Town	3-1	7-2	5-0
King Tomislav v Uni of NSW	1-1	1-0	0-3
Rooty Hill v Nth Ryde RSL	1-1	3-1	1-2
West United v Bondi Marine	1-0	5-1	0-3
Granville Chile v Moorebank	4-0	0-4	2-2
King Tomislav v Uni of NSW	1-5	2-2	Uni for

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Sydney Uni v Eastwood St/A	3-1	2-6
Nineveh Eagles v Spanish Club	1-1	3-1
Padstow Park v West St George	4-3	0-2

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Rosebery v Macquarie Uni	2-2	4-1
Hurstville Zagreb v Trasandinos	1-1	0-2
Pagewood v Green Valley	3-3	2-0
Liverpool City v Dulwich Hill	1-2	0-0
Chile Sports v Wently Waratah	2-0	
Hawkesbury Dist v Chile Sports	0-1	2-1
Wently Waratah v Maroubra United	4-0	0-4

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Robins v Concord Juniors	0-2	1-3
Welcome Sports v Greenisland	1-3	1-4
Rangers Hadjuk v Haberfield	3-1	7-0
Sydney Maccabi v Blacktown Wands	4-0	1-3
Lansvale United v Colo Colo	1-0	2-1
Petersham v Chullora	3-0	1-1
Concordia v Welcome	1-0	3-1

Blacktown v Haberfield	2-3	2-1
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INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Cyprus United v Crescent Star	0-0	1-1
Argentinian v Lithgow	2-2	0-1
Luddenham Croatia v Murray Farm	0-8	0-10

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Nth Rocks v Arncliffe RSL	2-2	3-1
Calabria v Orange Waratah	2-0	1-2
Santiago Wanderers v North Rocks	2-5	SW for
Arncliffe RSL v Calabria	1-2	1-3

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

Newcastle v Marconi played today. AIS 6 APIA 0. Inter Monaro 2 Canterbury 2. St George v Blacktown Not played. Sydney Olympic v Sydney City Not played. Syd Croatia 1 Wollongong 1. APIA 1 Canberra City 3.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Heidelberg 3 Brunswick 1. Footscray v Brighton NP. Numawading v Frankston NP. Sth Melbourne 1 Sunshine 1. Melbourne Croatia 1 Preston 0. Green Gully v Fawkner NP.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

PS: AIS 31 Blacktown City 28, Canberra City 26, Sydney City 24, St George 23, Marconi 23, Apia Leichhardt 18, Sydney Olympic 18, Wollongong 15, Sydney Croatia 11, Newcastle 8, Canterbury 9, Inter-Monaro 8.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Preston 3 Brunswick Juventus 0, Green Gully 2 Heidelberg 1, Sunshine George Cross 3 Nunawading 0, Brighton 3 Footscray 0. PS: Sunshine 30, South Melbourne 24, Heidelberg 23, Melbourne Croatia 22, Preston 19, Brighton 17, Brunswick Juventus 17, Nunawading 16, Green Gully 14, Footscray 8, Frankston Pines 8, Fawkner 0.

VICTORIA

Old Knock Out Final
Coalstars 3 defeated North Star 2.

State League

Frankston Pines 2
Caulfield City 1
Melbourne 2 Western
Suburbs 3
Box Hill 1 Croydon
City 1
Fawkner 3 Northcote
1
Polonia nil Morewell
2
Ringwood nil St
Albans 2
Thomas Town 3
Springvale 1
Croydon, St Albans,
Springvale, Box Hill
and Frankston.

SA First Division
Croatia 2 Salisbury nil
Hellas 1 Azzurri 1
Campbelltown v Beograd postponed - ground waterlogged.
Para Hills 2 Polonia 1
Birkalla 2 Elizabeth nil
Modbury nil Lion 2

Croatia 11 7 2 - 36 16 29
Campbelltown 10 8 1 - 34 16 28
Hellas 10 7 3 - 31 14 27
Beograd 10 5 4 - 34 22 25
Salisbury 6 8 6 - 25 22 20
Polonia 7 5 8 - 24 26 19
Para 7 4 9 - 28 30 18
Azzurri 6 5 9 - 28 23 17
Birkalla 5 5 10 - 20 32 15
Lions 4 7 9 - 22 35 15
Modbury 4 6 10 - 24 41 14
Elizabeth 3 5 12 - 17 33 11

NTH NSW

NORTHERN FEDERATION

Tooheys first division

BELMONT SWANSEA 3 (D Robertson, P Winsor, M Walmsley) beat CENTRAL COAST 1 (R Robinson) at Blacksmiths Oval. Reserve grade: Belmont Swansea 2, Central Coast 1. Under-18: Belmont Swansea 2, Central Coast 0.

AUSTRAL UNITED 1 (R Drinkwater) drew with LAKE MACQUARIE 1 (K Caban) at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens. Reserve grade: Austral 2, Lake Macquarie 0. Under-18: Lake Macquarie 4, Austral 1.

WEST WALLSEND 2 (D Wilson, B Cowburn) beat CARDIFF 0 at Johnston Park. West Wallsend. Reserve grade: West Wallsend 1, Cardiff 1. Under-18: West Wallsend 1, Cardiff 0.

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD 2 (J Senkalski, K Rutledge) beat HIGHFIELDS AZZURRI 1 (D Whitney) at Adamstown Oval. Reserve grade: Adamstown 0, Highfields 0. Under-18: Highfields 2, Adamstown 0.

WALLSEND 2 (I Parkes, M Davidson) beat WESTON BEARS 1 (D Lewis) at Weston Park. Reserve grade: Weston 2, Wallsend 0. Under-18: Weston 2, Wallsend 1.

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BelSwans	18	11	4	3	23	7	37
West Walls	17	11	3	3	26	8	36
Lake Macq	16	9	4	5	26	18	31
Austral	18	8	6	4	25	18	30
Adamstown	16	7	5	4	23	20	26
Hills Azz	16	6	7	5	20	17	25
Weston	18	4	5	9	17	23	17
Wallsend	18	3	7	8	17	27	16
Cent Coast	17	3	7	9	17	31	11
Cardiff	17	3	2	12	10	29	11

Second division

CESSNOCK 2 (S Price, A Butler) WESTLAKES 0. Reserve grade: Westlakes 0, Cessnock 0. Under-18: Cessnock 5, Westlakes 2.

BELMONT 4 (G Swan 2, D Burns, W Holt), PORT MACQUARIE 0. Reserve grade: Belmont 2, Port Macquarie 0.

STOCKTON 2 (D Elphick 2, T Spence 2), MAITLAND MAGPIES 2 (S Cook 2). Reserve grade: Stockton 2, Maitland 0. Under-18: Stockton 2, Maitland 1.

NEWCASTLE MACEDONIA 1 (D O'Brien), EDGEWORTH 1 (P Engel). Reserve grade: Macedonia 2, Edgeworth 2. Under-18: Macedonia 3, Edgeworth 1.

MAYFIELD UNITED 2 (S Kolpa, P Falconi), TORONTO AWABA 1 (G Jones). Reserve grade: Toronto 1, Mayfield 1. Under-18: Toronto 9, Mayfield 0.

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stockton	18	12	3	3	42	23	41
Cessnock	18	12	2	4	23	39	38
Macedonia	18	8	6	4	30	23	30
Mayfield	18	7	5	6	27	32	26
Port Macq	18	7	4	7	38	37	25
Belmont	17	8	1	8	33	32	25
Toronto	17	3	7	2	26	27	14
Westlakes	18	5	3	10	21	25	18
Edgeworth	18	5	2	11	18	33	17
Maitland	18	2	1	15	16	51	7

Third division

SOUTH WALLSEND 2, NELSON BAY 2. Reserve grade: Nelson Bay 5, Sth Wallsend 2. DUDLEY REDHEAD 1, RAYMOND TERRACE 0. Reserve grade: Dudley 0, Raymond Terrace 0.

COOKS HILL 1, TOMAGO EAGLES 1. Reserve grade: Tomago 3, Cooks Hill 2. BERESFIELD 4, LAMBTON JAFFAS 3. Reserve grade: Beresfield 4, Lambton 0.

MAITLAND UNITED 5, UNIVERSITY 0. Reserve grade: Maitland 9, University 2.

Fourth division

KEARSLEY 2, NEWCASTLE OLYMPIC 0. Reserve grade: Kearsley 1, Olympic 1. TORONTO 6, NEW LAMBTON 5. Reserve grade: Thornton 6, New Lambton 3.

SOUTH CARDIFF 2, GARDEN SUBURB 0. Reserve grade: South Cardiff 3, Suburb 0. MEREWETHER 6, CARDIFF RAILWAY 1. Reserve grade: Merewether 7, Railway 1. CHARLESTOWN UNITED 3, MUSWELLBROOK 1. Reserve grade: Charlestown 6, Muswellbrook 0.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merewether	18	15	2	1	56	19	47
C'town Utd	18	15	1	2	62	13	46
Thornton	18	9	6	3	40	32	33
Kearsley	18	9	3	6	36	35	30
Sth Card	18	8	3	7	35	30	27
Olympic	18	7	2	9	35	38	23
Railway	18	7	2	9	21	38	23
M'brook	18	4	1	13	26	43	13
New Lamb	18	2	5	11	30	55	11
G Suburb	18	1	1	16	12	50	4

SCHOOLS

NSW wrested back the National Championships from South Australia in the series held in Adelaide.

Final points were: NSW 17, South Australia 14, Queensland 10, ACT 10.

Unfortunately Victoria in particular does not compete.

APIA SOCCER CLUB

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To be held at Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt, every Tuesday and Thursday commencing 16th September.

Trials for U/13 and U/14 every Tuesday

Trials for U/15 and U/16 every Thursday

All trials to commence sharply at 6pm.

Trials will be held on the following dates:

U/13's & U/14's

September 16
September 23
September 30
October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

U/15's & U/16's

September 18
September 25
October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30

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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LARRY BERINGER

YOU could safely say Fairy Meadow centre-half Larry Beringer has had a mixed season. Fairy Meadow are bottom of the State league but Beringer is coach of the West-Figtree under 19 side and they are on top.

Having his second season with Fairy Meadow, the former Figtree player has been captain but his side are already doomed to relegation.

"You can hardly expect anything else really because we lost 10 players from last year's senior squad and even then we have been hard hit by injuries," Beringer said.

"The likes of Jamie Dummett and Warren Baker have been out with serious injuries and to make matters worse we had a change of coach when Mike Johnson left and Larry Ashbolt took over.

"That is always a diffi-

cult thing for players to adjust to."

Looking to next season, Beringer said he may stay in the State League with another club because he doesn't want to go back to district soccer.

"I made the move to join a State League club and now I feel I have settled in I don't want to go backwards," he said.

Beringer and Figtree winger Rob Noakes coach the Figtree under 19 side and they seem poised to take their championship.

"The kids have been a great consolation for me after what has happened to Fairy Meadow this year and there is a lot of good talent in the

team," Beringer said.

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Illawarra Soccer officials were far from happy with Shellharbour Council when aldermen called off the recent Warilla Wanderers-Underrra game, after heavy rain through the week.

Wollongong Council leave the inspection of grounds to the sporting bodies involved, but a bit further down the coast the aldermen become the experts.

The match referee ruled on the Saturday morning King Mickey Park was fit for play but an alderman then said it wasn't.

The game was then held over to the Sunday. The referee said go ahead but the alderman then appeared again and said there would be no games.

The result was a double header last weekend by both clubs when Warilla are battling for second spot and Underrra are trying to get clear of relegation.

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West-Figtree striker Jan Cupa made a successful return to first grade in the important Premier League game against Aris.



JAMIE DUMMETT

Cupa hadn't played a full first grade game in two years but coaches Luke Robaard and Phil Carr felt he could unsettle what has been a suspect Aris defence.

It certainly worked as Cupa scored a goal and set up another in Figtree's 3-1 win to keep their semi-final hopes alive.

"We had wanted Cupa to run hard from the opening whistle and if he ran out of steam Darren Nees was on the bench ready to take over," Robaard said.

"Things didn't work out that way because Daryl Walsh was injured and we had to use Nees

to take over from him.

"It didn't worry Cupa; he just kept going to the final whistle and Aris were never really able to pin him down."

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Fernhill coach Gerry Walker says his team are finding their form at the right time of the season and will be the side to beat in the semi-finals.

Walker isn't letting a change of jobs interfere with his coaching but he had to go to Brisbane for a week to learn the ropes recently.

Walker was formerly a supervisor with the Buttercup Bakery but is now a representative for a firm named Jock's Tools.

Yes, Walker is a Scot.

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Allfab Shellharbour left their semi-final run a bit late this season but will prove a very hard side to beat next year IF they can sign at least two experienced players.

They have a lot going for them, particularly in midfielder Chris Sykes who really took the eye in the 3-2 win against Port Kembla at Wetherall Park.

Playing down the right side, Sykes created all three goals for his

team and must rate among the more creative midfielders in the league.

Shellharbour will have to make sure Sykes is returning next season.

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Tony McDonald has done a good job with first division Oak Flats this season after having very little to work with when he took over.

He has brought several young players through into first grade and the team has qualified for the top four after being eliminated from the Bampton Cup by Premier League Aris only after extra time.

Oak Flats may have trouble keeping McDonald for next year as one Premier League club has already approached him about taking a job north of Wollongong.

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Albion Park have won promotion from second division after finishing last on the table just 12 months earlier.

The side is being coached by Derek Bradburn, who gave up coaching to become a grade one referee a few years back.

Bradburn rebuilt the Albion Park line-up, with former Shellhar-

bour players Steve and Martin Hilton having played a big role in their success.

Veteran striker Don McLeod has scored most of the goals and Albion Park are now confident of taking the grand final.

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South Coast Croatia have virtually thrown away their big chance of winning the first division championship after a shock loss to University.

The students beat Croatia 5-3 in a real boomer to allow Corrima to go two points clear (three points for a win).

It was really an amazing turn of events because just two weeks earlier Corrima thrashed University 9-0 and it could have been a few more.

Corrima is the side former World Cup stars Atti Abonyi and Adrian Alston are with and Abonyi has 19 goals to his credit in league matches.

There is no doubt Corrima will be reinstated in Premier League next season — a status they should never really have lost.

The club have the best ground and facilities in Illawarra and officials will be on the lookout for new faces to boost their side for 1987.

Tasmania North

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

JUVE EDGE 'TOWN IN HONEYCHURCH CUP

THE opening round of the Honeychurch Cup provided interesting scorelines on a cold Tasmanian weekend.

The Cup competition, in its second year, and sponsored by Honeychurch Insurance Brokers P/L, is played amongst the Tasmanian State League North clubs.

Burnie United surprised the critics when they tenaciously fought out a scoreless draw with coastal side, Devonport.

Both sides fought for

an early break but none came and, as the game progressed, it seemed that it was destined for a draw.

While there were no goals at Montello, Prospect was the place to be as Juventus and Georgetown shared seven goals.

The 'Town, playing without Peter Sawdon, went ahead through a

Gerry Farrell goal.

Mies equalised before the next heartbeat and Ernie Guest put Juve ahead.

Djakic levelled the scores for his club before half-time.

Brian Davidson shot his team into the lead again and Colin Guest made it 4-2. Monagle narrowed

the difference but the 'Town ran out of time and with it the chance to snatch a draw.

Honeychurch Cup, Rd 1:

Juventus (Mies, Davidson, C. & E. Guest) d Georgetown (Monagle, Djakic, Farrell) 4-3, Launceston United (Barac, Fraser, og) d Riv. Olympic 3-0, Croatia (Caddy, Stille) d

Matric 2-0, Burnie dw Devonport 0-0.

Ladder (after Rd 1):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Launceston United	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Juventus	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Burnie	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Devonport	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Georgetown	1	0	1	3	4	0	1
Matric	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Riv. Olympic	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Tasmania South

WITH "VAN DIEMEN"

OLYMPIA WINS WELL BUT CROATIA IN BOX SEAT

TWO headed goals by Paul Xanthopoulos, one in each half, gave Olympia-WPL a well-deserved 2-0 win over title aspirant White Eagles in yesterday's Cadbury State League Soccer match-of-the-day at KGV.

White Eagles remains in second place as a result of the defeat, two points behind the league leader, Croatia-Glenorchy, and the stage is now set for a titanic struggle when the two teams meet at KGV on Wednesday.

In yesterday's curtain-raiser, Rapid edged a little closer to avoiding relegation by beating Caledonians 2-0 to move into third-last place, one point ahead of Howrah and two points clear of Metro-Claremont, and with a goal-difference that is far superior to those of the bottom two teams.

White Eagles looked anything but championship-winning material

against Olympia in a match that proved very physical at times. Referee Neil Murray from Canberra issued two cautions to each side, the yellow card going to Mark Leszczynski and Alan Burton of Eagles, and to Michael Berwick and Craig Nichols of Olympia.

Olympia was faster to the ball and played as a unit, whereas Eagles was disjointed and the players it usually counts on to score goal were sadly out of touch.

Whenever Olympia attacked, it managed to outpace and outnumber the Eagles defence, and when it defended, it always had the numbers and the determination to

neutralize the Eagles attack.

Olympia defender Michael Edwards played a crucial part in both goals but his celebrations were ruined somewhat when he was injured and had to be substituted ten minutes from the end.

Xanthopoulos scored the opener in the 18th minute following a corner on the right. Edwards flicked the ball on to the far post where Xanthopoulos, who also scored in Olympia's youth team's 6-4 loss to White Eagles on Saturday, headed past Greenwood in the Eagles goal.

Nichols and Forster should have added to Olympia's first-half tally, while Andrew and Richard Leszczynski had at least four chances that they should have made more of.

Olympia's greater determination was clearly shown in the 51st minute when Anthony Greenwood chased a ball to the corner flag, hotly pursued by a defender who had had the initial advantage. Greenwood won possession, cut the ball back for Nichols to cross into the goal-

mouth, where Forster neatly side-stepped two defenders before firing narrowly wide.

A great attacking run down the right by Edwards in the 53rd minute led to the second goal.

He sent over a powerful cross to the far post where Michael Goldsmith should have scored with his head.

Goldsmith headed the ball downwards, however, but the bounce proved just right for Xanthopoulos who launched himself into the air and headed into the net.

Chris and Andrew Leszczynski shared three chances in the second half without result and Eagles' dilemma in attack was highlighted by the substitution of midfielder Jimmy Kerr for defender Eugene Banasik in the 69th minute.

Without a striker in reserve to put on, defender Mark Leszczynski was moved forward into an attacking midfield role but it was clear that when Eagles' strikers don't fire, the team finds it very difficult to get results.

"It's good that I've got my scoring touch back but I still need to

got fit because I've had a lot of hamstringing injuries," said two-goal hero Xanthopoulos.

"I'm happy with the two goals but I'm not really happy with the way I played today.

"We didn't deserve to win," is how Eagles coach Steve Darby, who was again sent from the coaches' bench by the referee, summed up his side's performance.

"We missed chances we normally put away and a lot of credit must go to Martin Burden who showed he's a top-class goalkeeper."

Matthew Bloomfield scored his first senior goal of the season to give Rapid a 15th minute lead against Caledonians and Dale Blake made it 2-0 from the penalty spot three minutes from time.

It was a miserable day for Calies as it also lost midfielder Bevan Schwaiger who was sent off in the 70th minute for alleged serious foul play.

The game was, as Calies' Ian Parker had predicted on Friday, a hard game, with two players from each side being cautioned.

Details: Rapid 2 (Bloomfield, Blake, pen.) d Caledonians 0; Olympia-WPL 2 (Xanthopoulos 2) d White Eagles 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 7 (Basic 2, Thomas 2, Huigsloot 2, Cowen) d Metro-Claremont 1 (Peters); Juventus-Pioneer 3 (Broadhouse 2, Pace) d Howrah 0.

Leading goalscorers: 21 J. Broadhouse (Juventus); 19 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles); 14 A.

Leszczynski (White Eagles); 12 P. Xanthopoulos (Olympia); J. McIntyre (Croatia); 11 G. Schueler (Howrah); P. Forster (Olympia); 10 D. Stoddart (White Eagles).

Cadbury State League standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia-Glen	18	13	2	3	41	17	28
White Eagles	18	12	2	4	58	24	26
Juve-Pioneer	19	12	1	6	49	31	25
Olympia-WPL	19	11	2	6	50	29	24
Caledonians	18	6	3	9	29	49	15
Rapid	18	4	3	11	20	34	11
Howrah	19	4	2	12	24	50	10
Metro-Clare	19	3	3	13	15	53	9



Top-line Tasmanian striker, Andrew Leszczynski.

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

STATES COUNTDOWN TO 1986 NATIONALS

THE 13th Australian Women's Soccer Association's National Championships will be played in Adelaide from September 3/12.

The South Australian Women's Soccer Association will host the Championships for the second time and eight States will be competing.

The AWSA has introduced the Australian Airlines Challenge Cup as a feature at the conclusion of the Nationals. The Cup will be contested by the winners and runners-up of the championships.

Last year's winners, NSW, will be closely matched by South Queensland, Northern NSW, Victoria and host State, South Australia.

The NSW squad consists of many new faces, but they remain determined to retain the Cup. A strong challenge is being issued by South Australia as they prepare their squad to play on home soil.

South Queensland will be without National Captain Sue Monteath, as she is currently on an overseas study tour. Experienced midfielder Kerry Millman returns to the squad after a year's absence.

Coach Fred Robins is confident that the Queenslanders will perform well. He feels the greatest challenges will come from South Australia, NSW and Northern NSW.

Northern NSW will be captained by experienced international, Karen Menzies and according to Menzies, Northern are the team to beat.

ACT has a very young and relatively inexperienced squad. For the first time, the ACT squad will consist of talented and strong players from the Albury-Wodonga Association following a successful affiliation of the two Associations.

ACTWSA senior coach Radhakrishnan had been disappointed with the response to training up until the inclusion of the Albury players. The squad will be relying on the support of previous representatives Karen Wilcox, Bronwyn Calver, Laura Fisher and Australian international, Julie Murray.

A disappointing feature of the Nationals will be the absence of Western Australia who for reasons relating to finance and alleged lack of enthusiasm among players will not participate in the 13th

championship.

Senior Australian player, Sharon Mateljan, will be denied the honour of having represented her State for 13 consecutive years. Instead, Sharon will be acknowledged for her continual participation in National Championships since the first competition kicked off in 1974.

Despite a later start to State training, the Victorian team are making good progress towards forming a strong combination of talented experienced and national players with younger representatives. Janette Melvin, the Victorian coach, is considering listing herself to play if extra strength is required.

Tasmania's coach, Bill Clarkson, will be keen to capitalise on his team's improved performance during last year's Nationals in Melbourne. Tasmania's junior program has enhanced the quality of the senior team and Clarkson is confident of surprising the stronger States.



Top Women's Soccer action in Sydney — well worth a photographic award — as captured by Michael Sara.

NSW FIELDS STRONG SQUAD IN NATIONALS

THE strength of the NSW squad to compete in the National Championships in Adelaide from September 3 is outstanding.

So much so that it will be very difficult for any other State to wrest the honours away from NSW as holders.

The core of the team includes experienced internationals Julie Dolan, Mandy Langlar, Kim Lembryk, Margaret Petrov, Leigh Wardell and Toni McMahon.

Irish international Teresa McCann is a match-winner.

Others such as Anissa Tann, Jeneane Aitken, Rhonda Withers and Janine Riddington have exceptional ability.

The NSW squad is: Toni McMahon, Sue Nagel, Anissa Tann, Mandy Langlar, Mar-

garet Petrov, Jeneane Aitken, Leanne Edmondson, Leigh Wardell, Kim Lembryk, Julie Dolan, Rhonda Withers, Teresa McCann, Margaret Young, Lisa Faye, Angela Haddon, Dalys Carmody, Janine Riddington, Sharon Young.

Coach: Alan Lytton.

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RECORD

AS in the past the NSW Combined High Schools ran their statewide Inter-Regional Championships in late June, with the Metropolitan West team defeating Metropolitan North in the final.

After the carnival, which was so well conducted by the South Coast Region, a squad of 26 players was selected to train on and play in a series of trial games including the NSW Secondary Schools Sports Association Sports Factory Shield.

On Thursday August 7 the squad was cut to 16 players who will represent NSW at the Commonwealth Bank Australian Secondary Schools Soccer Championships to be played at Parklea between Monday 18th August — Friday 22nd August, 1986.

The NSW Combined High Schools have been undefeated in these championships in the past two years and in 1986 have been greatly supported in their preparation by Patrick Sports Sales, the Sports Factory, Canterbury Council, Sydney Olympic, Melita Eagles, Sydney University Soccer Club, West-St George and Alan Vest and the NSW Under 16 team.

GLENN POWELL
Coach

Sports Organiser
Metropolitan South West Region

Glenn has been coach of the undefeated NSW Combined High Schools teams in both 1984 & 1985. He has previously been involved in coaching with grade and youth teams at Sydney Olympic and Riverwood.

CONNELL BYRNE
Manager
East Hills Boys H.S.

Before going to the United States for university studies, Connell was very involved with CHS Soccer having been the previous coach and convener. He now takes on the manager's position since his return.



JEFF ALLPORT
School: Oak Flats H.S.
Club: Wollongong City

Jeff is a strong player who shows the ability to play several positions. Basically a defender, he reads the game well at the back but also moves forward well in support of other team members. Jeff is a member of this year's NSW U/16 team.

UROS CALIC
School: St Johns Park H.S.
Club: Avala

Uros is a striker who shows good ball skills and an excellent shot. He is a busy player and works hard on and off the ball.

MARK MYLES
School: East Hills Boys H.S.

Mark is a strong and elusive runner off the ball who still looks to get the early balls to support infield. Mark has a strong shot off both feet.

GAVIN PARRY
School: Booragul H.S.
Club: Newcastle Rosebud

Gavin is a central defender who shows a mature attitude to the game, reading the situation well and giving good direction to the defence. Gavin was also a member of the 1985 undefeated NSW CHS team.

RUSSELL GENDLE
School: Parramatta H.S.
Club: Blacktown City

Russell is a strong midfielder player who shows excellent passing abilities and who is always working to support team-mates in attack. He moves well off the forward line and he's a competent goalscorer. Russell was also a member of this year's NSW U/19 team.

BRENT CAISLEY
School: Henry Kendall H.S.
Club: Newcastle Rosebud

Brent is a striker or midfielder whose positional play is excellent. He is always in the right place to receive the ball and is an excellent distributor.

CHRIS ACKERLEY
School: Kingswood H.S.
Club: Marconi

Chris can play either as a midfielder or as a striker. He shows a great work rate and reads the game well, whether passing himself or running off the ball to support his team mates. Chris was in this year's NSW U/19 team.

ANTHONY DANIEL
School: Kingsgrove North H.S.
Club: Sydney Olympic

Anthony is a very versatile player, usually playing as a left winger with his club but playing in the midfield with the CHS team. Anthony has a great work rate as he is tireless in both attack and defence.

MARK MOFFETT
School: Blacktown Boys H.S.
Club: Blacktown City

Mark is a busy and hard working striker who is keen to take advantage of any opportunity in front of goal. Mark also sets up other players well with his excellent passing.

KEITH WARREN
School: Narwee Boys H.S.
Club: St George

Keith is a very confident goalkeeper who is always in command in the penalty area. He was in the NSW and Australia U/19 squads, which is an indication of his competence.



AGAS AGAMEMNOS
School: Ashcroft H.S.
Club: Melita Eagles

Agas is a very speedy striker who puts away the ball with supreme confidence. He is very hard to contain because of his pace but he also works hard in defence and fights well for the ball.

SCOTT GILBERT
School: Birrong Boys H.S.
Club: North Blacktown

Scott is a big striker with a strong shot. He is always quick to the ball and reads the game well, knowing when the shot is on and when to lay off to his support.

DAVID SCOTT
School: Greystanes H.S.
Club: Blacktown City

David can play either fullback or midfield and shows skill and confidence in either position. David has excellent vision of the game and distributes the ball well.

JASON WHANT
School: Blaxland H.S.
Club: Sydney Croatia

Jason is a defender who is cool and competent under pressure and who also moves forward in attack with great assurance. Jason was a member of the 1985 NSW CHS team which was undefeated in a tour of New Zealand and in the Australian Secondary Schools Championships.

PAUL HAYWOOD
School: Nepean H.S.
Club: Blacktown City

Paul is a goalkeeper who uses his position well to direct play. He shows excellent reflexes and was a member of the NSW U/16 squad last year.

NICHOLAS PLATANIOTIS
School: Greystanes H.S.
Club: Marconi

Nick is a strong and competent defender generally playing in the centre. He marks his opponents tightly and is always looking to create something in attack.

Wide World of Football



'TOTONERO' SCANDALS TAKE A BAD TURN

FOLLOWING allegations upon allegations in the Italian League of bribe scandals and the multitude of ensuing investigations, nicknamed 'Totonero' (All Black), three clubs have felt the wrath of the Italian FA and been relegated.

First Division Udinese were one of the three after a disciplinary hearing in Milan found them guilty of match fixing last season.

Another side was denied promotion by the association's disciplinary commission, which also banned six club officials for five years and 38 other players and officials for periods ranging from one month to more than three years.

The clubs were said to have fixed results of some 30 matches last season.

Udinese, Zico's old

club, were ordered down to the second division after just surviving relegation in the first place. Lazio, who were relegated from the First Division just two seasons back, are now in the Third Division.

Lanerossi Vicenza, notorious for being involved in 'fixed' matches, won promotion to the Serie A (First Division) at the end of last season but will remain in the second. Vicenza was the club involved in the infamous scandal in which Paolo Rossi was caught up in and ultimately

he and players such as Lionello Manfredonia, Bruno Giordano and D'Amico were suspended for two and three years apiece.

Perugia of the third division are now in the fourth. Two second division sides, Palermo and Cagliari, have been told they will start this upcoming season with a five-point handicap. Another second division club, Triestina, is to have one point docked from last season's total and will start the next season with a four-point handicap.

WRITING OFF CHAMPS — RISKY BUSINESS

IT started straight after the World Cup Finals ended, yet in fact paradoxically it actually began during that Mexican Fiesta.

What? The extremely hazardous and dangerous occupation of writing off the champions of world football.

They are calling it 'The Price of Fame' and 'World Cup Victims'. Harsh stuff indeed and just the tonic some of the champions need to get up off the floor, dust themselves off and proceed to show the critics a thing or two of which they are still capable. It's called making the cynics eat 'Humble Pie'.

Now let's just analyse the position of a few players whom we won't be seeing anymore. Eight Portuguese stars were banned immediately after their World Cup exit because of their ill-timed rebellion over match payments and bonuses.

With just hours before the kick-off of the 1986 Cup, Portuguese players were still haggling amongst themselves and threats of strikes were rampant.

The Portuguese FA took the step of banning them for life. The players are: Bento, Carlos Manuel, Pacheco, Andre, Pinto, Sobrinho, Bargiela and Diamantino.

World Cups breed heroes. Stars are born, memorable moments etched in the mind and captured forever on film.

But for others, the World Cup can be the beginning of the end.

For World Cups also

demand a high price in return for the right to challenge for world supremacy.

Countless famous players will never again don the shirt of their country.

The Portuguese players in disgrace are paying for their rebellion over money matters during the Cup.

For other reasons, including age, injury or burnt-out ambitions, we have probably seen the last of such notables as Brazilians Zico, Falcao, Socrates, Junior, Oscar, Cerezo and Dirceu.

Former World Champions such as Alessandro Altobelli and Gaetano Scirea have certainly played their last games for Italy. Altobelli announced his international retirement only hours after losing the World Cup Second Round game to France.

Scirea at 33 was the skipper of the Azzurri side and was caught out severely on many occasions during the Mexican campaign, simply because he did not have the speed any longer to carry him through. Already his club Juventus have bought a replacement for him in Roberto Solda.

Paolo Rossi was never given a run and Enzo Bearzot was said to have taken the 29-year-old as a 'thank you' for the work he did for him in the previous two World Cups. Yet the now Veronese bound centre-forward was called up for the recent Rest of



PAOLO ROSSI cools down after a demanding training session.

the World v Americas international and showed some of his old form in scoring one of the goals.

He may yet be of some use for the European Championship.

Michel Platini has already announced his retirement from international football whilst his countrymen Alain Giresse, Jean Tigana, Maxime Bossis and the injury-prone Dominique Rocheteau seem to be on their way out. As with the Brazilians, only serious unavailability would see them alter their status from that of former internationals.

But for France the future does not seem altogether bleak. They played what will represent the nucleus of their new team in the third-

place World Cup match against Belgium and certainly looked the part.

Ex-skipper Daniel Passarella missed the Cup win because of serious illness and is unlikely to figure in the reborn Argentinian side.

Belgium, the surprise packet of the World Cup, will almost certainly lose Eric Gerets, Rene Vandereycken and Michel Renquin. Poland's Zbigniew Boniek is another star that will be missing in the next World Cup.

And the list goes on. The West Germans have lost five including Rummenigge and Breigle and Northern Ireland are looking at the same number of losses.

But it's a dangerous business to write off stars...

SHORTS

ITALY: Napoli have shown very keen interest in star player DIEGO MARADONA's little brother.

17-year-old Hugo has been recommended to the Neapolitan club by — who else? ... His big brother Diego.

ARGENTINA: After being pursued by various clubs including Valencia of Spain, JOSE LUIS BROWN, the impressive 30-year-old central defender has been signed by French club, Brest.

FRANCE: Meanwhile the French clubs are now the big attractions and Nantes are seeking Argentinians Jorge Buruchaga and Julio Olarticoechea.

ITALY: Brazilian international TONINHO CEREZO looks set to sign for Sampdoria after being released by AS Roma.

WALTER SIEBER (Switzerland), Fekrou Kidane (Ethiopia) and Ivan Toplak were made honorary citizens of Monterrey for their services in the organisation of the World Cup. Mr Sieber was responsible for the technical running of the matches in Monterrey, Mr Kidane was the Press Officer and the football coach and Mr Toplak was a member of the Technical Study Group of FIFA.

SHORTS SHOTS

PARAGUAY: Cerro Porteno and Olimpia, the two most popular clubs in Paraguay have won through the third and final round of the official First Division tournament.

Olimpia, last year's champions defeated Nacional 1-0 and Cerro beat Sportivo Luqueno 2-1.

San Lorenzo got up 2-0 over Guarani, Libertad and Sol de America played a scoreless draw and Atletico Colegiales downed Sport Colombia 2-1.

SPAIN: Chilean star PATRIZIO YANEZ has been transferred from Real Valladolid to Real Zaragoza for \$430,000.

ARGENTINA: River Plate took a step closer to qualifying from Group One of the Copa Libertadores when they slammed Penarol of Uruguay 3-1 in Buenos Aires.

River's goals came from Centurion in the 29th minute, Enrique in the 41st and Alonso in the 85th.

Penarol's reply came from Aguirre after 37 minutes.

River now only need to win their next game to make sure of their qualification.

In the other match Boca Juniors put a real damper on Wanderers (Uruguay) chances by beating them 3-2 also in Buenos Aires.

PARAGUAY: Olimpia have beaten Nacional 3-1 in the first match of the America Edicion of the Copa Libertadores.

CHILE: Deportivo Concepcion are alone on top of the Chilean Championship with 10 points from 7 games. Following them are Cobresal, Colo Colo, Universidad de Chile and Cobreloa all on nine points.

The results from last weekend were: Everton 0 Union San Felipe 2, Audax Italiano 0 Naval 2, Union Espanola 2 Universidad di Chile 3, Magallanes 2 Deportes Iquique 2, Cobresal 1 San Luis 1, Colo Colo 1 Rangers 0.

ARGENTINA: All the matches in the Argentinian League were postponed at the weekend because of inclement weather.

URUGUAY: As with their Argentinian neighbours, Uruguay were forced to postpone their round because of rain also.

CHINA: POLICE had to fire shots into the air to stop a brawl involving players, match officials and fans that broke out during a Soccer match in north-eastern China.

An apparent foul sparked off the fight in a game between Jingchang and Tianshui. The two teams laid into each other with fists and feet and then started throwing stones. One player drew a knife and wounded another.

Even the referee and linesmen joined in and spectators poured off the terraces on to the pitch to join in the fighting. Order was restored only when the police drew their guns and fired into the air.

The player with the knife was later arrested and the others involved were ordered to write self-criticisms.

TIP TOP TORINO

LEADING Italian club Torino is getting itself into top shaped for the coming season with a series of friendlies.

At the weekend, the Turinese club downed European Cup winners Steaua Bucharest 2-1.

MICHEL PLATINI — retired international.

PREMIER DIVISION newcomers Hamilton are set to make a move for Manchester City midfielder man JIM TOLMIE.

Accies boss John Lambie has already signed David McKellar, Kevin McKee and Ally Brazil from Hibs and striker Alex Taylor from Dundee United.



SOUR START FOR SOUNESS

THE opening day of the Scottish Premier Division could not possibly have been worse for newly appointed Glasgow Rangers player-manager, Graeme Souness.

What a shocking kick-off to a season shrouded in publicity for the Scottish international.

The keenly awaited debut ended in sensational fashion when he was sent off after only 37 minutes of the opening match against Hibernian.

Souness, hailed as the club's saviour when he was lured to Ibrox from Italy's Sampdoria at the end of last season, was dismissed for a second bad foul in his first Scottish League game.

A crunching tackle on George McCluskey by Souness led to an angry melee which involved all 22 players on the pitch.

Punches were thrown and it took referee Mike Delaney three minutes

to restore order.

The official then showed the red card to Souness, renowned for his hard-tackling commitment, to raise to fever pitch the temperature among the capacity 22,000 crowd.

As McCluskey was carried off, Delaney also booked two of Souness' expensive English imports — striker Colin West and goalkeeper Chris Woods — who raced 40 metres to join the fray!

Hibernian profited immediately from Souness' departure by going 2-1 ahead through Steve Cowan seconds before half-time.

Nine other players, five from Rangers and four from Hibs, were

also booked in what can only be described as a very rugged affair, which did nothing for the reputation of the Premier Division.

A blaze of publicity accompanied Rangers into their first outing, but after 16 minutes they already had their backs up against the wall.

Midfielder Stuart Beedie, the close season signing from Dundee United, stunned the massive Rangers following by giving Hibs the lead.

Within three minutes Rangers were level as Ally McCoist was brought down, and, after strong protests, the striker was able to step up to convert the spot kick.

After Cowan gave his side the lead the ten-man Rangers fought back with determination but were unable to find a way through the Hibs defence.

Souness may well have landed himself and his new club in deep trouble and the incident is likely to prompt an inquiry by the Scottish Football Association.

Souness was contrite following his team's defeat: "I would like to apologise for the incident which got me sent off. No one can be proud of that," he said.

"I knew I would be a marked man but I didn't realise to what extent. I'm not disappointed in the team's performance — just in myself. But I'm always learning and I hope this will help me in the future."

"It was my first experience of Premier League football and it was certainly different from England and I enjoyed the period when I was on the field. However, I'm very annoyed at myself and again I do apologise for what happened."

FIRST

IAN RUSH OFF to Italy next year.

pictures of
IAN RUSH
in Juventus colours.

ANOTHER BATTLE FOR GLEN ADAM

'I RECKON AUSTRALIANS WISH THEY HAD BIG HEARTS LIKE US'

GLEN ADAM of Masport Mt Wellington is interested in another spell with the All Whites now that the 27-year-old has his serious knee injuries behind him.

The strapping centre-back is very interested in fact in playing with the Silver Fern on his chest once more.

His damaged medial ligament which forced him out of the game for a year has also left him with an unwanted inheritance that he finds so hard to shed.

"Following that long break from the game last year I haven't been able to attain the level of fitness I had during the 1982 World Cup campaign," he said.

"I get over one niggling injury and another comes along. If I'm to break back into the All Whites I'll have to put in much more training, which is impossible at the moment."

Adam's time with the All Whites was unproductive in terms of playing time.

During the run up to the finals in Spain he made just one appearance as substitute in the cliff-hanger against China in Singapore which the All Whites won to qualify for the finals.

He made five appearances in the build-up programme for Spain but didn't get a run in Malaga or Seville.

"It was great being a part of the squad which in effect was a family," he recalled.

"My time in Spain was my best Soccer experience yet."

Adam hurt his knee in the first game of 1985. His struggle to recover took him nearly all season and he was available only for the last two

games of the Mount's campaign.

Long runs and conditioning was a part of a fitness programme he undertook during the summer and he arrived at his club in pretty good nick for pre-season training.

But the niggling injuries continue to plague him and he cannot yet claim that he is back to full fitness.

Another aspect of the

New Zealand game that Adam is concerned with is the state of the game in the land of the Shaky Isles.

"New Zealand needs more cash to spend on Soccer," says Adam.

"It would be nice if we had the money to spend on the game like Australia."

"Then we could have longer camps for the All Whites and more tours."

"I guess, though, that Australia wish they had the big hearts that New Zealand Soccer players are blessed with."

WEST GERMANY: MANFRED BURGGMULLER is not exactly a household name around the world but he is around his home nation at the moment.

In the first round of the Bundesliga his side Weder Bremen had an outstanding 5-3 win first up against Nuremberg. Outstanding even more so because they were down 2-0 at one stage and the 36-year-old striker whacked a quickfire hat-trick that stunned the opposition.

ENGLAND: IT was merely a case of the wrong mixture.

Gordon Neate has been working as Reading's groundsman for 20 years and until last week nothing has ever gone wrong with his treatment of the pitch.

Reading, back in the English second division after 55 years, may not be able to play its home match against Millwall when the league season opens on August 23.

Neate accidentally sprayed weedkiller on the Elm Park pitch and 75 percent of the grass has been ruined.

Reading manager Ian Branfoot has shown little sympathy for Neate, 45, a former player with the club.

"It is the worst mistake any groundsman could make," he said.

MIDDLESBOROUGH may still be given the kiss of life.

A consortium behind a rescue bid for the Third Division club, which was officially wound up in the High Court last week, are more confident than the Pools promoters of football being played at Ayresome Park.

Rather than risk a void match, the Pools have deleted the opening day fixture between Middlesbrough and Port Vale from the coupons.

However, the consortium means business and have paid the players' wages.

WEST GERMANY: AUSTRALIA'S DAVID MITCHELL played a leading role in Eintracht Frankfurt's 5-0 demolition of Fortuna Dusseldorf last week.

In the first match of the Bundesliga Mitchell scored one and the others were slammed in by Wlodzimierz Smolarek, Thomas Berthold and Wolfgang Kraus.

With this Frankfurt went straight to the top but they weren't the only ones involved in high scoring matches. Kaiserslautern slammed Weiss Berlin 4-1, Werder Bremen won 5-3 over Nuremberg and Bayern Leverkusen beat Schalke 4-2.

SWITZERLAND: Uli Stielike's Neuchatel Xamax hammered Aarau away from home whilst, in the big match, Grasshoppers went to Zurich and beat the home side 1-0.

SPAIN: THE British connection in Barcelona is doing just fine at the moment. Last weekend Mark Hughes and Gary Lineker made their debuts in a friendly match against Andorran.

The capacity crowd saw a 2-2 draw and applauded enthusiastically every time the Brits touched the ball.

Lineker scored one of the goals and Hughes turned in a blinder. Barcelona's English boss — team manager Terry Venables and coach Allan Harris — were ecstatic over the form of their new boys and enjoyed every minute of their debuts.

Hughes is already being hailed as the "new Maradona" by the Blaugrana fans.

Meanwhile the futures of Barcelona's other two foreigners seem still uncertain. Bernd Schuster, who was set to sign with Atletico Madrid, has still not made a move and Barcelona and having a big rethink over the German's future at the club.

Steve Archibald has been released and may well sign for English first division club, Arsenal.

HEART AND LEG BREAK

SOUTHAMPTON's midfielder ANDY TOWNSEND is well and truly down in the dumps after breaking his leg in a friendly match last weekend. It's a terrible start to the season, reminiscent of the tragedy that struck down Gordon Cowans three years ago for Aston Villa.

WHAT A CHEEK!

BRAZILIAN superstar JULIO CESAR, has shaken his new French club Brest to their boot-tops with his extrovert ideas.

The 23-year-old, who joined Argentine winner Jose Luis Brown, arrived in France on a five-year contract, saying he hoped to form a samba club in the town!

Not happy with this he has also demanded a powerful motorbike from the club and a seven bedroom house and two big, smart cars!

— SHOCK FOR BRAZIL —

EUROPEAN Cup winners DYNAMO KIEV beat Botafogo of Brazil 6-0, with all goals coming in the second half, to win a four-club tournament in Amsterdam.

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BRITISH BRIEFS:

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SUNDERLAND goalkeeper BOB BOLDER is set to join First Division newcomers Charlton Athletic for \$38,000. Charlton's other keeper Nicky Johnson has asked for a transfer following the club's refusal to extend his contract, which still has a year to run.

WEST BROMWICH Albion stalwart and former skipper, ALISTAIR ROBERTSON is set to part company with the club he has served so loyally for the past 18 years.

This is Robertson's testimonial year but the popular defender is leaving. He lost his place when Ron Saunders took over as manager towards the end of last season.

COVENTRY's STEVE OGRIZOVIC in quite a sportsman.

Not only does he don the gloves and number one shirt for the City boys he also is a very handy cricketer.

"Oggy" has been playing for Coventry and North Warwick, and is the most successful bowler in the Birmingham League. Recently he took a remarkable 8 wickets for 12 runs!

The English cricket side are in a shambles at the moment, they could do worse!

CONTROVERSIAL British referee Clive Thomas (no stranger to troubles), says the refereeing in the World Cup in Mexico was the worst he has seen for 20 years.

"Referees and linesmen were incompetent and lacked courage. FIFA should resign en bloc if they were satisfied with the way games in Mexico were controlled," he said.

FIFA insists the refereeing was very good!

ALAN BRAZIL, the Scottish international winger has made his fifth switch of clubs in just three years.

Brazil has moved from Coventry City to Queens Park Rangers. In these short three seasons he has gone from Ipswich to Tottenham to Manchester United to Coventry and now to QPR.

United and Spurs were the biggest losers. The former paid \$1,300,000 for him and the latter \$1,000,000.